

Bush says Ortega backing off

SAN JOSE (R) — U.S. President George Bush said Saturday that Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega was backing off from his plan to end a ceasefire with contra rebels, a threat that has overshadowed a pan American summit in Costa Rica. Ortega, who was quoted by U.S. newspapers on Saturday as saying the ceasefure would end next week and the Sandinista rany would hanch as offensive against contras inside Nicaragua, declined at a news conference in Costa Rica on Saturday rucaragua, decimen at a news conference in Costa Rica on Saturany to announce a date for the end of the truce. (See page 3) Ortega later left the summit — organised to celebrate the centenary of Costa Rican democracy — to return to Managua, failing to attend the final event, the inauguration of San Jose's Democracy Square. Bush told a separate news conference that several presidents at the summit had talked to Ortega Friday night and "they leaned on him pretty hard." There was, be clear about it, I'm told at a press conference the man had a little hit of backing off a little hit, an lef's a press conference the man had a little bit of backing off, a little bit, so let's sit and see." But he warned Ortega: "Do not break that ceasefire."

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U.S. lawmakers meet Lebanese army chief

Aoun refuses to give way

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Army commander Michel Aoun said Saturday he would accept a presidential election in Lebanon only if it was held in a place free of foreign influence.

Speaking to 2,500 supporters at a demonstration staged for two visiting members of the U.S. from Ohio, and Nick R Congress. Aoun repeated that he opposed any concessions on Lebanon's sovereignty.

Aoun, who demands a swift

withdrawal of the Syrian army from Lebanon, has rejected a peace plan agreed by 63 Christian and Muslim Lebanese deputies in Taif. Saudi Arabia, last Sunday.

Under the Arab-sponsored plan, parliament should convene in Beirut by Nov. 7 to elect a new president and endorse reforms increasing the power of the Muslim majority in the Christiandominated political system.

The plan delays a final decision on a Syrian withdrawal until two years after the political reforms take effect. But the Arab League has guaranteed an eventual Syrian pullout.

"No election will be accepted unless it is on free land," Aoun told the crowd. "The one who will be elected in occupied land

will be an agent..."
"Any president elected outside Lebanon will be for those who supported him," added Aoun. renewing his call to deputies to return to Beirut to persuade the people that they were right to accept the peace plan.

All but a handful of Christian deputies have remained abroad after Christian deonstrators threatened to kill them if they

retremed About 200 soldiers kept the excited crowd back as Aoun spoke at his shell-blasted presidential palace in east Beirut with the two visiting U.S. representa- are held.

ROME (AP) — Italy said Satur-

day it was prepared to take the

consequent decisions" in the

case of an Italian technician who

was shot and set on fire in Libya

during a period of anti-Italian

The government called on Libya to shed "full light" on the

death of 35-year-old Roberto

Ceccato, an incident which has

shocked much of Italy and sev-

erely strained relations between

In an interview with Italy's

state Rai television Friday night, Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi

said he had not heard about the

murder. And, in a flippant state-

ment that outraged many Ita-lians, he added: "I hope he (Cec-

The Foreign Ministry issued a

communique Saturday saying it

preferred not to comment on

But it said Italy "would consid-

er it inadmissible for the Libyan

side not to shed full light on the

very grave incident in view of identifying the culprits."

with "maximum firmness" to car-

ry out a swift investigation. Italy,

it said, was ready to "take the

consequent decisions, taking into

account the elements and evi-

dence which come to its atten-

Italy might take. Some newspapers suggested the government

could order the evacuation of the.

3,000 Italians in Libya, while

some politicians said Italy should

recall its ambassador to reduce its

night on the eve of "day of mourning" protests declared by

Oadhafi for Libyans deported

during 30 years of Italian colonial

rule between 1911 and World

Italian media reports said Cec-

cato, who worked for an Italian

farm products firm, was found

dead near the company's complex

just outside Tripoli. He had been

shot in the head and stomach and

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Italy weighing

action in Libya

tives next to him "Rambo go home, the general is here," read a banner held by some of Aoun's young supporters. "Lebanongate: The U.S. government lied. Deputies are all

Mary Rose Oakar, a Democrat from Ohio, and Nick Rahall, a Democrat from West Virigina, held talks with Aoun before being coaxed by soldiers onto the

platform beside him. Both representatives are of Lebanon descent and were on a private 24-hour visit to Beirut despite a State Department ban on travel to Lebanon by most

In their talks with Aoun, the two sought to convince him to accept the Arab League-sponsored peace plan and said efforts were underway to reopen the

American embassy in Lebanon. Oakar and Rahall also made a special plea to those holding Western hostages to free their captives.

Oakar and Rahall arrived in Lebanon Saturday.

'Mary Rose and I are here to... show that our commitment is strong, not only from the American people but from the American congress," said Rahall.

While our State Department does not approve of this trip of ours... they did state that they did not mind us coming and speaking with Gen. Aoun," said Rahall. "We have done that and we

will report to the proper officials when we return to Washington," Said Oakar: "He accepts apparently and awful lot of it but

there's some mi e link. The State Department had warned the two that their lives could be in danger in Lebanou, where eight American hostages

Rahall said efforts are underway to reopen the American

"We want to return our ambassador and reopen our embassy in this country and that's the first visible step of showing (our) commitment," said Rahall.

Washington pulled out Ambassador John McCarthy and 29 other diplomats from east Beirut Sept. 6 after Aoun accused the United States of supporting the deployment of 40,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon.

After the press conference the two crossed Beirut's dividing green line into west Beirut, where they held talks with Acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, who heads a civilian cabinet vying for legitimacy with Aoun's.

Oakar paid special tribute to American hostage Terry A. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, who marked his 42nd birthday, his fifth in captivity,

She said that while the bostage issue "is not the major reason we're here... I would be remiss as somebody who cares deeply about human rights if I did not mention my concern for him."

"He (Anderson) is from the area which I represent, northern Ohio, and I want to say on behalf of his family and the American people that we hope and pray that in the common sense and compassion that I know can exist among people that he and other people who are held with him will be liberated.

"I want to make a special plea ' lerry and the others if I can Oakar added.

"We call on anybody that has any influence upon the hostage takers to release them," said

Pressed about the death, Qadhafi said foreigners must. have been responsible. Italy's ambassador in Tripoli, Giorgio Reitano, met with two

Libya's official news agency,

JANA, said it appeared to be "an

ordinary criminal crime."

Libvan Foreign Ministry officials Saturday and said they had offered their condolences. "Personally I have the impress

ion of being able to count on the collaboration of the authorities," he was quoted as saying by the AGI news agency.

An Italian policeman flew to

Tripoli Saturday to join the investigation along with a doctor who will assist in the autopsy.

In the television interview, Qadhafi repeated his demand for reparations for the colonial period. Italy says it met its obligations with payment of \$6.7 million under a 1956 agreement with the former Libyan monarchy.

Oadhafi also demanded an explanation from Italy for its refusal to accept a boatload of 846 Libyans who sailed to Naples without visas to mark the "day of mourning." Qadhafi suggested Libya could retaliate by detaining Italian ships that sail into Tripoli

and Benghazi. The interview appeared to be conducted inside a tent. Qadhafi, clad in a black leather jacket, sat casually in a swivel chair, occasionally staring at the ceiling. His comments were translated from Arabic into Italian by a Libyan

Rome's La Republica newspaper called Qadhafi's comments 'cynical and impudent." Milan's Corriere Della Sera newspaper reported that the Rai network was flooded by calls from hundreds of viewers angered by

Qadhafi's statements. The Liberal Party, a partner in the governing five-party coalition, called for the government to reduce its diplomatic presence in Tripoli and work with other European countries to adopt a tougher line against Qadhafi.

Velayati, Syrian leaders discuss ₋ebanon

DAMASCUSM (Agencies) — Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati held talks in Damascus Saturday on an Arabsponsored peace plan aimed at ending Lebanon's 14-year civil

Diplomats said Velayati met Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa and was expected to hold talks with two key Lebanese Muslim leaders who have criticised the plan.

The peace pact, endorsed last week by Lebanon's parliament deputies following talks in the Saudi Resort of Taif, calls for political reforms balancing power between Christians and Muslims and a redeployment of Syrian troops within Lebanon.

Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon where it has some 33,000 troops, is a close ally of Iran which has considerable influence among Lebanese Shi'ite

The diplomats said Velayati and Sharaa were likely to meet Lebanese Druze leader Walid Junblatt and Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri who have criticised the Taif plan for falling short of Muslim demands for reforms.

Velayati said on arrival in Damascus he was carrying a mes-sage to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad from Iran's President Ali Akbar Hashem Rafsanjani.

Meanwhile, Syrian newspapers called for the removal of Lebanese army chief Michel Aoun who has rejected the accord for failing to urge a speedy Syrian withdrawal

The official daily Tishrin praised other Christian leaders for supporting the Taif plan but

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Israeli soldiers examine a Palestinian boy shot in the chest during a protest in Tulkarm in the West

Woman killed in Gaza, W.Bank youth shot dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Security Apparatus" said those (Agencies) — A Palestinian who had already suffered beat-(Agencies) — A Palestinian woman suspected of helping the Israeli authorities was stabbed to death in the occupied West Bank Saturday and a leaflet circulating in the occupied Gaza Strip gave collaborators until Nov. 15 to

Masked men wielding axes and knives broke into the home of Rasmia Al Banna, 45, in the city of Nablus and stabbed her repeatedly, Palestinian sources said. An army spokesman said the

exact cause of the attack was being investigated, but the Palestinian sources said she was a known collaborator with Israel. In the West Bank village of

Surif, an 18-year-old youth was fatally shot in the head during clashes with Israeli troops, Palestinians and a local hospital The deaths raised the toll in the

22-month-old Palestinian revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to at least 703 Palestinians. An underground leaflet distri-

ings, a step often preceding killings, must proclaim their repentence in mosques.

Those who failed to change, it said, would have their fates decided by the Palestinian people. In Tel Al-Sultan in the Gaza Strip, a 55-year-old shopowner was shot and wounded by Palestinian activists on suspicion of helping Israeli authorities, Palestinian sources said.

Palestinians also said 22 protesters suffered bullet wounds in clashes with Israeli troops elsewhere in the Gaza Strip.

Nathan rejects offer

A jailed Jewish peace campaigner has refused an offer of freedom in return for a promise never to repeat his contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), an Israeli parlia-

mentarian said Saturday.
Yossi Sarid, of the Citizens' Rights Movement, said after visiting Abie Nathan in prison ity," Sarid told Reuters.

"He refused to accept the deal and said he's ready to be in prison

for the rest of his term." Nathan, of the "Voice of Peace" radio station, started serving a six-month jail sentence Oct. 10 for violating an Israeli law on contacts with the PLO. He was the fifth Israeli convicted

Shootout in Tel Aviv

under the law.

An Arab shot dead two relatives and an Israeli policeman before killing himself in the Tel Aviv suburb of Jaffa Saturday, Israel radio said.

The shooting empted in an orange grove outside the home of the Abu Suir family, after a family quartel.

Police who arrived at the fenced-off orchard were attacked with two hand grenades and an automatic gun. One officer was shot and died in hospital, doctors

Police reinforcements raided the grove after waiting several

hours for the man to surrender. They found two bodies in the grove and the gumman dead on a bed inside the home with a gun

King restates Jordan's stand dates to reach Parliament.

believes that an international peace conference is the most suitable forum for addressing the Middle East problem in ensuring the Palestinian people's rights, His Majesty King Hussein said Saturday.

Addressing a Cabinet session, the King called on the Palestinian side to unify its ranks to counter Israeli manoeuvres and Israel's plans to divert world opinion away from the essence of the Palestinian issue

King Hussein also called for a unified Arab position in support of the Palestinian role at this stage of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He said that consultations were going on with other Arab countries on this regard. The King also reviewed the latest developments in the Lebanese crises and the situation in the Gulf.

The King said that a letter he received earlier this month from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev dealt with all Middle East issues as part of a series of coordination moves between Jordan and other leaderships.

The King called on candidates and voters for the Nov. 8 parhamentary elections to show awareness and to distinguish between the different choices in front of them. He called for

The King called on the government to provide all necessary facilities for Arab and foreign media to enable it to cover the election process, including the setting up of a media office.

The Cabinet resumed its regular session after the King's address and endorsed a draft law for a revised Income Tax Law. The new law will provide the treasury with JD 15 million annually. According to Minister of Culture and Information Nasouh Al Majali, the law will include only high-income brackets in addition to financial companies and banks which have a profit percentage of 35. The law will take into consideration accumulated losses. Real estate transactions will be taxable.

On the current visit of members of the World Bank for talks with the Jordanian government, Majali said: "Final negotiations are under way to agree on the final conditions of the financing to be given to Jordan. The amount will be \$150 million to be

paid over a period of 17 years." The loan, Majali said, will be allocated for the programme adopted by Jordan to encourage industries and exporting, which will ease the burden on the babolstering national unity and for lance of payment.

In his letter Arens insisted that

Palestinian peace talks and bar expelled Palestinians from parti-

Arens also demanded that the

Palestinian delegation to peace

talks be limited to discussing

Baker said to modify proposal

TEL AVIV (AP) - U.S. Secret- what changes were made to the ary of State James Baker has plan agreed to modify his Middle East proposals to make them more the plan be altered to drop Cairo acceptable to Israel, Israel Radio as the site for preliminary Israelireported Saturday.

The change follows almost a week of intensive contacts between Baker and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens over the

The radio said Baker was to send a reworked copy of his plan to Arens Saturday night.

A foreign ministry spokesman, who could not be named, refused to confirm or deny the radio report but said Arens sent a letter to Baker earlier this week accepting his plan in principle and asking for minor changes. The radio gave no details on

The Israeli modifications are designed to eliminate any indirect Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) participation in peace

cipation in the dialogue.

Israel's election plan

Earlier radio reports said Baker was reluctant to change the plan because any modifications would make the plan less acceptable to Palestinians.

Iraq protests Iranian attack on tugboat

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iraq has accused Iran of attacking an Iraqi tugboat earlier this week. killing a crewman, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported Saturday. Iran denied it. The agency said the accusation

was contained in a protest letter handed by Iraq's United Nations representative to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York.

The report, the first by Iraq concerning the incident, came two days after Lloyd's shipping intelligence unit reported the attack, saying two Iranian gunboats fired at the tugboat.

Lloyd's said Thursday that an Iraqi was killed in the incident, which it said took place Wednesday in the Gulf off Iraq, about 50 kilometres from the port of Fao.

Iraq has said in the past that any shot fired on an Iraqi vessel would be considered a serious violation of the ceasefire that went into effect Aug. 20 of last

In its letter to Perez de Cuellar, Iraq said two Iranian gunboats attacked the tugboat Al Intisar Wednesday morning close to the Iraqi offshore oil terminal of

Police break up Prague reformers

PRAGUE (Agencies) — Hundreds of riot police Saturday attacked a crowd of more than 10,000 Czechoslovak protesters demanding the ouster of orthodox Communist leader Milos Jakes and chanting: "We want another government."

The demonstration in Prague's central Wenceslas Square marked the 71st anniversary of Czechoslovak independence and was the country's biggest in 20 years.

Helmeted riot police wielding truncheons moved into the square 25 minutes after the demonstration began and struck out at the crowd. Dozens of people

were detained. The protest followed a call by independent groups to show up in a peaceful display of popular de-

sire for more freedom.

Earlier Saturday, government speakers lauding discipline and socialist ideals held an official commemoration on the same Police beat some people with

batons as they led protestors to waiting buses amid dozens of yellow-and-white riot police vans. "We want no violence," hundreds of people chanted as they

were penned in by riot police. 'We've got bare hands.' The demonstrators demanded

free elections and a new govern-Ninety-minutes after the demonstration began, clapping pro-

testers still intermittently called for "freedom" as police sought to disperse them.

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that the popular broadcaster had buted in the Gaza Strip warned no regrets about meeting PLO collaborators to end their ties Chairman Yasser Arafat last with Israel by Nov. 15, the first anniversary of the Palestinian declaration of independence. "The authorities told him if he, expresses regret and promises not bed inside the home to meet PLO representatives and a suicide note. The leaflet signed by the previously unknown "Revolutionary

Egypt voices concern over Israel-S.Africa nuclear link CAIRO (Agencies) - Egypt and tries have signed and ratified this military censors from reporting

other African countries are concerned about a U.S. television network's report of nuclear cooperation between Israel and South Africa, a cabinet minister said Saturday. Butros Ghali, minister of state

for foreign affairs, told reporters that Egypt does not believe Israeli and South African denials of such cooperation. "Egypt and other African

countries are following with concern reports of nuclear cooperation between Israel and South Africa. We do not accept statements issued by Israel and South Africa denying that there is any nuclear cooperation between them," Ghali said.

"What counts is evidence and not statements," he added. Ghali referred to a report by NBC News which quoted unidentified intelligence sources and a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) document as saying that Israel had provided missile technology to South Africa is return for a continuous supply of ura-

long-range test site in South Both countries have denied the report.

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"If Israel has good intentions, it should sign the international agreement on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons," Ghali said. "Egypt and most African counIsraeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir has called the allegations a lie, while a spokeswoman for the South African embassy in Tel Aviv said she was unaware of such cooperation. Egypt is currently trying to persuade Israeli leaders to talk

future of the occupied Israeliruled territories. Israel has so far shunned the idea. Israeli newspapers have suggested that U.S. officials leaked the report of nuclear cooperation out of frustration at what they

regard as Israeli intransigence

over peace efforts. The television report was also awkward for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). He took

over the post last July.
In an interview with Israel television's Arabic service, Shamir said he did not believe the apparent leak was sparked by his reluctance to accept U.S. proposals for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

"It may be the intention of those who spread this libelous report to damage this relationship, but I do not think whathappened will hurt or damage relations between Israel and the United States," an aide quoted Shamir as saying.

Israeli newspapers, barred by

on the country's alleged nuclear weapons programme, all carried the NBC report in a way that

implied they believed it was broadly true. The United States said Friday that it had checked but could not confirm the report that Israel gave U.S. technology to South Africa to help it build a fighter directly with Palestinians over the plane.

The allegation was made in the NBC television network. Asked whether Israel had transferred technology from its abortive Lavi project to build a state-of-the-art jet fighter to the South Africans, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said: "On the specific issue of Lavi technology, we have checked.

"We have no information to confirm that the Israeli government or Israeli corporations are engaged in transfer of U.S.-origin Lavi technology to a South African fighter project."

The State Department said Thursday it had no indications that U.S. missile technology was transferred from Israel to South

An Israeli embassy source, not referring specifically to the re-port, said he believed the U.S. administration was planting stories in the media to put pressure on Israel to accept U.S. proposals for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

U.N. launches fresh **Gulf peace effort**

the terms of the Geneva conven-

tions of 1949 governing the treat-

About 100,000 prisoners still

languish in PoW camps as their

governments wrangle over the proper terms for their release.

step in the peace process must be the withdrawal of troops to the

border. Iraq still occupies about

1,000 square kilometres of Ira-

concern Friday at lack of the

progress in turning the ceasefire

into a peace settlement and called

closed-door consultations, threw

the council's support behind

by the secretary general and

their profound concern that

It said members "expressed

The council statement was read

The Security Council expressed

Tehran insists that the next

ment of PoWs.

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — In an effort to break the deadlock in the Iran-Iraq peace talks, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is sending a special envoy to begin shuttle talks between their capitals Monday.

The mediator, Swedish prisoners of war (PoWs) should Ambassador Jan K. Eliasson, will be exchanged next, according to arrive in Baghdad Monday to begin shuttling by a U.N. plane between there and Tehran, U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani said Friday.

When Perez de Cuellar first announced in September that Eliasson would undertake the mission, he said the diplomat "will shuttle between capitals until he can tell me how we can resume talks with the two par-

Eliasson's mission, the U.N. chief said, is "to clarify the positions of the parties and find a way

Giuliani said Eliasson's shuttle mission is expected to last two or three weeks.

The Iran-Iraq peace talks began in Geneva in August 1988, but quickly bogged down. On the war front, an uneasy truce prevails as the warring armies are separated by the military observers of the U.N. Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UN-

Iraq is stressing that since ac-

tangible progress had not been made," since the ceasefire took

Iran stops 'flooding'

Iran has stopped flooding a "no-man's land" near its southern front with Iraq, diplomats say. The flooding had touched off the deadliest shelling since a truce began two years ago in the Iran-

Diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity said they could not be sure why Iran's flooding operation stopped. But they said water levels had dropped dramatically the last two to three weeks, and that parts of the marsh are now dry. Iran has not commented on the

Iran began flooding the area in Iranian territory mortheast of Basra in September 1988, weeks after the ceasefire with Iraq took

on both countries to cooperate with the U.N. envoy.

The statement, issued after A large canal was opened, turning the marshy region into swampland covered by up to 1.38 metres of water, making it impossible to Iraqi tanks or armoured vehicles, according to to reporters by the president of the 15-nation body, Ambassador Yves Fortier of Canada, flanked U.N. military observers.

Perez de Cuellar called the flooding a serious violation of the ceasefire, and reported the inundated area was over 60 kilometres long and two to three kilometres

Youngsters demonstrate in the Deir Al Balah

refugee camp in the Gaza Strip to mark the death of a 12-year-old boy from the Strip, Ismail

Abou Arraj, who died of wounds sustained in a

Ex-diplomat of Norway assails Israel

OSLO (AP) - A former Norwegian ambassador to Tel Aviv said in an interview published Satur-day that Israel uses violence and torture to oppress Palestinans. Torleiv Anda, 68, retired from diplomatic service last summer

after having served in Israel since "Little by little, I had to turn completely around in my conceptions about Israel and its form of democracy," the Oslo newspaper Aftenposten quoted Anda as

saying in an interview. Aftenposten said Anda would publish a book in two weeks' time entitled "Intifada: Revolt Against Israel," in which he criticises Israeli policy and occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. people."

"If I was asked about my main reason for having lost so much belief in Israeli democracy," Anda said, "I would have to say it is the question of punishment form and the judicial system. The incomprehensible and unappreciative corruption in the administration of justice has discredited itself far beyond Israel's brders."

the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had changed: "When I came to Israel, I had a quite banal and vulgar conception

of the Palestine Liberation Organisation as being a terrorist organisation. But gradually I discovered that PLO consists of a lot of clever and very honest

alternative to the PLO in the occupied territories and that the group must be dealt with in any peace negotiations.

Since taking over power two weeks ago, Norway's new nonsocialist government of Jan. P. Syse has signalled it would place more critical demands on the Anda also said his attitude to PLO and give stronger emphasis to Israel's right to secure and recognised borders.

> Foreign Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik last week refused to meet with PLO representatives attending the annual convention of Landsorganisasjonen, the confederation of Norwegian trade

Rebels cut off Salang Highway

KABUL (AP) - U.S.-backed way in their war against the gov-

Soldiers in the Soviet-backed government said the Mujahedeen had shut down the Salang High-way just north of Kabul for the

Soldiers said heavy fighting had the southern slope of the Hindu than 1,500 trucks carrying food and other supplies were backed

supplies held up on the Salang

Observers in Kabul said the current military activity appeared to indicate that the rebels were returning to the hit-and-run strategy of guerrilla warfare they used during the decade-long Soviet military intervention in

The rebels have been fighting

their soldiers in mid-February

the rebels failed in their attempt to take the eastern city of Jalalabad using conventional military tactics instead of guerrilla methods.

In the capital, government forces have been launching scores of rockets north in the direction of the Salang Highway, trying to hammer rebel positions. On Friday night, the sky was streaked red with flames from the rocket boosters. Seconds later, the sky would turn orange from an explosion, silhouetting the black

Government and private markets have been without flour, the main food staple of the Afghans. since mid-week. But the city is in

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. fears Israeli computer acquisition

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. officials fear that a restricted computer sought by Israel would be used illegally, U.S. television reported Friday. An Oct. 16 report in the New York Times said the United States was considering a proposal by the International Business Machines (IBM) Corp to sell a so-called supercomputer to Israel. It said the sale of the IBM machine, which can rapidly and accurately simulate the explosions of nuclear weapons and the flight of high-speed ballistic missiles, would be the first of its kind to a country that is not a member of NATO. NBC News, in its report Friday, said U.S. officials feared that the computer would be used illegally for weapons research. The network quoted one unnamed U.S. official as saying, "If the Israelis get a supercomputer they will have to be more honest with us than they are now." He was apparently referring to allegations, made by NBC in a report Thursday, that Israel gave U.S. technology to South Africa to help it build a fighter plane.

'Israel approached Canada on reactor'

OTTAWA (R) — Israel has expressed interest in buying a nuclear reactor from Canada, a spokesman for Energy Minister Jake Epp said Friday. Eric Alexander, Epp's press secretary, said Israeli officials approached Epp about buying a Canadian reactor, called the Candu, at an international energy conference in Montreal last month. Alexander said Israel would have to meet Canadian requirements before it would be allowed to buy a reactor that costs more than one billion Canadian dollars (U.S.\$850 million). To buy a Canadian reactor, Israel would have to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and submit to a strict bilateral monitoring process aimed at ensuring the reactor is not used for military purposes. State-run Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd has not sold a Candu reactor in more than a decade but previously sold units to India, Romania, South Korea and Argentina.

U.S. marks 'hostage awareness day'

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States marked "hostage awareness day" Friday by issuing a new call for the release of eight Americans it said were being held in Lebanon. Observing the day declared by Congress and President George Bush, the State Department released a statement saying the United States would not rest until all the hostages were reunited with their families. "No political cause can justify these criminal acts. The United States calls on all those who are holding our hostages, and countries with influence over them, to immediately and unconditionally release all the hostages," the statement said. It said those holding the captives were trying to exploit Americans' concern for their fellow citizens. Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, whose government is believed to have influence over the groups holding the hostages, said this week he would help obtain their release only after Washington unfroze Iranian assets in the United States blocked since 1979. But the United States immediately rejected this, saying the two issues were not linked.

Saudi Arabia beheads three

RIYADH (R) - Sandi Arabia, reaffirming its faith in Islamic laws, publicly beheaded two Pakistani drug traffickers and a Yemeni murderer Friday. Itibar Kol Akhtarkol had smuggled heroin and Abdul Malek Fadel Karim brought in hashish, an Interior Ministry statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said. Both men were beheard in Riyadh. SPA said Hassan Ìbn Abdullah Ibn Mahyonb, a Yemeni, was executed in Jeddah for sexually assaulting a young boy and then running him over in a car. The statement said Saudi Arabia "affirms in determination to combat all kinds of drugs... and enforce God's raking on those harming the country's security and stability or assaulting other people." Anyone committing similar offences "will meet the same punishment and fate," it added. The kingdom has beheaded 63 people, one of them a woman, this year, according to figures compiled by Reuters. Three were crucified after execution in Riyadh this month.

IFJ urges Aoun to free journalist

BRUSSELS (AP) — The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) called Friday for the release of Dutch journalist Charles van der Leeuw, who was arrested in Beirut on charges of spying and possession of drugs. The Brussels-based federation, which represents more than 150,000 journalists, cabled its demand to Michel Aoun, head of an interim military cabinet in Lebanon. The IFJ joined a protest by the Dutch Journalists' Union that sought respect of press freedom and the free exercise of journalism in Lebanon. The federation invited the Internation Red Cross to inquire about Van der Leeuw's fate and visit him in prison. Van der Leeuw works for the Dutch television network Veronica and the Belgian state's radio and television networks.

Iran: Hurd not good for Muslims

NICOSIA (R) - Britain's new Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd got a quick thumbs down Friday from Iran which said he was tainted by "The Satanic Verses" affair. The Iranian news agency IRNA said Hurd's appointment would worry Muslims because he was among the judges who awarded Salman Rushdie's book the Whitbread Prize last year. Iran's late supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini last February ordered Muslims to kill Rushdie for blaspheming Islam. The Indian-born British author has since been in hiding. "He (Hurd) was an open supporter of Rushdie's right to the "freedom of expression", which Muslims believe in this particular case is "freedom to insult with abusive language" against Islam," said IRNA, monitored in Cyprus. Hurd was home secretary (interior minister) before his appointment to the Foreign Office Thursday. Iran broke diplomatic ties with Britain over the Rushdie affair in March.

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MARKET PRICES

ADC pursues campaign against offensive masks

WASHINGTON (AP) - An Arab-American organisation said Friday it would boycott and picket outlets of a national novelty company it says re-neged on a decision to recall two Halloween masks the group finds offensive. Halloween is celebrated Oct.

31 in the United States on the night before Ali Saints Day with masquerading.
The American Arab Anti-

Discrimination Committee (ADC) said its members would demonstrate this weekend at outlets of Sepncer Gifts because the company said Friday it had decided to put back on the market its "sheikh" and "Arafat" Halloween masks.

Ronald Mangel, Spencer's general counsel, said in a letter to Faris Bouhafa, ADC spokesman, that John Hacala.

By Sergei Shargorodsky

The Associated Press

TEL AVIV - An advertise-

ment in an Israeli daily news-

paper Friday offered Israeli "electronic technicians and en-

gineers (RF, microwave, ana-

log and digital)" and other pro-fessionals work in South Africa.

South African nuclear coopera-

tion have caused Israel embar-

rassment in the United States,

the ad in the daily Davar news-

paper did not come as a sur-

The two countries have long

enjoyed flourishing economic and, reportedly, military ties. South Africa was one of the

first countries to recognise

Israel when it came into being

According to Israeli govern-

ment statistics, the volume of

trade between the two coun

tries grew steadily, from \$8.2

Although reports of Israeli-

Spencer's president, "after rereviewing the 'sheikh' and 'Arafat' masks and discussing the look of the masks with others, has decided to put the masks back on sale today."

His letter added, "we will not reorder the masks for next

The Pleasantville, New Jersey-based company had earlier this month withdrawn the masks for sale at its 435 outlets after a three-day protest and telephone campaign by the Spencer Gifts is engaging in

what we feel is a grotesque deception," said Bouhafa. Efforts to contact Spencer

officials for comment were unsuccessful. A woman answering the executive office telephones said both Hacala and Mangel were out of town until next

million in 1960 to \$302.9 million

in 1987, the last year for which

have operated in the African

state, including some of Israel's

Several prominent Israelis

were known to have businesses

in the 10 Pretoria-established

'homelands," despised by South

South Africa has used Israel

as a springboard to some other-wise closed markets by export-

ing semi-finished goods, which were sold as Israeli after

businesses here added the 35

per cent local content in keep-

ing with international trade

In mid-1970s, Israel also be-

came a major exporter of arms to South Africa, Middle East historian Howard M. Sachar

wrote in his 1979 book, "A

According to Foreign and Israeli publications cited by the

History of Israel.'

Dozens of Israeli businesses

figures are available.

largest companies.

Africa's blacks.

The masks depict a booknosed Arab wearing a kefiyah, the checkered black and white headdress worn by Palestinians. In its Halloween catalog,

Spencer had urged customers to "put on our Arafat mask and terrorise your friends." The Arab group characte-

rised the advertisement as "an exhortation that reinforces the negative and increasingly discredited stereotypical image of Palestinians as terrorists. "We will use this mask as one

of the most glaring examples of racism against Arab people for years to come," said Bouhafa. The committee is a 23,000-

member organisation with 63 chapters nationwide and is dedicated to the promotion of civil and legal rights for people of Arab descent.

Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University,

Israel and South Africa have

cooperated in producing cruise

sold South Africa fast patrol

boats, surface-to-surface mis-

siles, rifles and refuelling air-

In 1985, a left-wing Israeli

legislator, Matti Peled, charged

that Israel planned to sell South

Africa a sophisticated electro-

In 1986, Israeli military in-

dustries earned an estimated

\$400 to \$800 million from the

export of military technology to

South Africa, U.S. reports said.

The exact figure is secret, and Israeli officials refuse comment

on military exports as a matter

of policy.
In 1987, a State Department

report said Israel sold military

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up on the highway. They said shipments of fuel and food from 1989, after intervening in 1979 to bolster the Communist govern-Harytan, on the Soviet border, After the Soviet withdrawal,

rebels have blocked a key highernment, cutting flour and fuel shipments to the capital, Afghan soldiers said Saturday.

past seven days.

broken out along the highway on Kush mountains. For the past three nights, government forces have launched dozens of rockets at the highway from bases in Kabul, the capital.

In Pakistan, the rebel alliance's news agency, Afghan Press, reported that government planes had bombed a 64-kilometre stretch of the highway to push through U.N. relief supplies headed for Kabul.

ca on a regular basis and that the Israeli government was aware of most or all the trade.

U.S. officials have said at the

time that much of the Israeli

military aid to South Africa was

in the form of technology, not

According to U.S. officials, the two countries have remark-

ably similar rifles and artillery

pieces, South Africa's Cheetah bomber bears a strong resembl-ance to the Israeli Kfir and

South Africa's patrol boats are

similar to the Israeli Reshef.

Persistent foreign reports,

denied by Israel, also said the

two countries have worked

together on development of a

nuclear bomb and even tested

the bomb off the South African

In March 1987, the cabinet

here approved a ban on new

military contracts with Pretoria

and restricted cultural ties. The

action came after the U.S. Con-

coast in the 1970s.

weaponry.

had stopped. More than 18,000 metric tons of gasoline and oil are waiting at the border town to be shipped to Kabul. U.N. officials said some of the

Highway were from a U.N. shipment of Finnish aid that was brought into Afghanistan last week by way of the Soviet Union.

Afghanistan.

for 10 years to topple the coun-

gress made clear Israel's \$1.8 billion in annual military aid

could be jeopardised by con-

tinued dealings with South

In September that year,

Israel's foreign ministry

announced the imposition of 10

sanctions against South Africa.

investments and government

loans; barred the use of Israel

as a transit for sanctions-busting

third parties; froze the quota of

iron and steel imports; banned

import of oil and krugerrand

gold coins; ruled out new scien-

tific accords; prohibited civil

servants from visiting South

Africa without cabinet approval

and reduced sporting contacts.

coal imports, which in totalled

two million tons in 1986 and accounted for 70 per cent of

Yossi Beilin, foreign ministry

director at the time, has said

the sanctions would not stop

Israel's coal consumption.

Exempted from the list were

These included a ban on new

Africa.

Israel and South Africa — a history of flourishing ties the Israeli-South African trade and described their main importance as "symbolic, psycho-

logical."
Later in 1987, South Africa has reportedly launched a campaign to attract hundreds of israeli engineers who have worked on the Lavi fighter jet before the project was scrapped in the summer of 1987.

Israel enjoys special links with South Africa's 120,000 Jews, whose memberships in Zionist organisations is per capita's the world's largest, according to the South African Zionist Federation.

About 15,000 South African Jews have settled here, creating numerous collective farms and businesses.

Some of Israel's most important companies, among the El Al, the national airline, owed their growth and development to South African capital and leadership, according to

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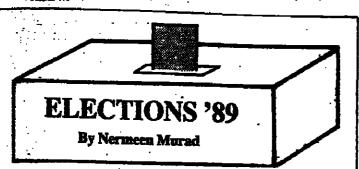
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A WOMAN candidate in the Fifth District has been charged with apostasy and atheism in the Islamic court because of an article she wrote on women's rights in Al Ra'i on Sept. 21 headlined "They cutise us and we elect them."

Two court hearings have been already held, but the candidate refused to attendeither. The judge will rule on the court's competence to handle the case on Nov. 9, one day after the election

The charges were hrought against her in the name of "public right," If convicted, the plaintiffs are demanding her divorce from her husband, and immunity to anyone shedding her blood.

A CEIRISTIAN candidate in Balqa has literally turned his back on rival candidates who ridiculed his chances of success and is now moving quickly to claim his Parliament seat to prove "that I actually

have strong support among my constituency."

The same candidate has issued his election campaign in the form of a four-page newspaper with numerous articles which deal with issues of public concern. The newspaper is published under the name of "Al Taghyeer" or Change.

THE ONLY candidate we know who hasn't printed his picture on his campaign posters is Yacoub Zayadine, who is running for the Christian seat in the Third District. His poster depicts an abstract image of a bare hand pulling back a black curtain with the sun shining from behind. Some think that Zayadine opted for this type of poster because hardly anyone would plaster his face on their cars.

SOME BUSINESSMEN voters are urging candidates who owe them money for personal business transactions to please pay their debts.
"If they have the money to pay for their election campaigns and income tax, then surely they can pay their business bills," said a very frustrated voter who personally holds bills for thousands of dinars run up by some candidates "during the past few years." (Uptodate payment of income tax is a prerequisite for candidacy).

A QUESTION which is often posed to candidates is: "Will you give your vote of confidence to a government which is headed by so and so or so and so or even so and so?"

In answer to such a question, Sami Kammoh, a Christian candidate in the Third District, said, "before you judge a man walk a mile in his moccasins."

This is an old Red Indian proverb, Abu Faris told us.

STATISTICS indicate that 573 candidates will lose in the Nov. 8 elections; that is, if some of them withdraws from the race before Nov. 8. Perhaps some of them will get the message and bow out before they get left out.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

KING CONGRATULATES HUSAK: His Majesty King Hussein Saturday sent a cable to Czechoslovak President Gustav Hasak congratulating him on his country's National Day anniversary. The King wished the president good health and happiness and the Czechoslovak people further development and

QASEM MEETS ENVOYS: Algeria's newly appointed ambassa-dor to Jordan, Mohammad Sharif Kharroubi, Saturday called on v Prime Minister and Poreigo Mi ster Marwan Al Qa handed him a copy of his credentials... Kharronbi succeds Mohammad Berghanm, who served as ambassador of Algeria here since 1986. Qasem also received a copy of the credentials of the newly appointed Belgian Ambassador John Ballegeer, who arrived last Sunday here to succeed Mr. Guido Vansina, who served as ambassador to Jordan since 1985.

MINISTRY FINDS JOBS FOR DOCTORS: The Ministry of Health has given permission to 112 physicians to practice medicine in Jordan's public and private sectors. The move was seen as part of the ministry's drive to find jobs for unemployed doctors. (Petra)

MINISTRY BANS 220 FIRMS: The Ministry of Finance announced a ban on transactions with 220 foreign companies for violations of the Arab boycott of Israel regulations. The ministry also decided to lift a ban on 60 foreign companies after they abided by the boycott regulations. (Petra)

SPEECH ON VOLUNTARY WORK: Ann Blaikie of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity will deliver a speech on the co-workers of Mother Teresa at the Y.W.C.A. Amman Monday Oct. 30, at 10 a.m.

NEW HOTEL TECHNOLOGY: Amman Marriott Hotel has started the process of installing a new communications system throughout the hotel. This new installment includes a state of the art Northern Telecom telephone system offering the Marriott business guest network hook up capabilities through computer modems. Part of the new system is also a direct Reuter news agency line.

ISLAMIC MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE: Jordan took part in a seminar on Islamic medical jurisprudence (Figh) which was held in Kuwait last week. Dr. Abdul Salam Al Abbadi, director general of the Orphans Fund, said questions like brain cells, the nervous system and transplanting various organs of the body were discussed by the participants. More than 65 participants from Arab and Islamic countries took part in the meeting. (Petra).

TARAWNEH ENDS CHINA VISIT: Department Director-General and Chairman of the executive committee of the International Organisation for Civil Defence (IOCD) Lieutenant General Khaled Tarawneh returned to Jordan from the People's Republic of China after a week-long visit during which he met with the Chinese deputy head of state and the civil affairs minister.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- An art exhibition by Fued Mimi and 'Ammer Khammash at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation's Scientific and Cultural
- An exhibition entitled "Discovered pictures in East Jerusalem" by Austrian artist Eva Patz at the Goethe Institute.
- A Az art exhibition by Jordanian artist Mohammad Al Quddoumi displaying oil and watercolour pointings depicting nature in Jurdan, at the Housing Bank Gallery.
- & Jordanian amateur artists exhibition at the Spanish Cultural
- * An exhibition entitled "Scholars and Revolution" at the French Caltural Centre.

FILMS

- * A feature film entitled "Amadeus" at the American Centre -
- ☆ A German film entitled "Carmina Burana", English subtitled, at the Goethe Institute - 7:00 p.m.

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Crown Prince: Jordan seeks boosted research capability

TRIESTE (Petra) — Jordan has taken important steps towards strengthening its research capabilities in a number of priority areas, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has said.

"The Higher Council for Science and Technology was established in late 1987 for the purpose of formulating explicit science and technology policies, plans, and programmes and for the purpose of supporting research and development activities in Jordan." the Crown Prince told the opening session of a "Workshop on the Science and Technology Implications of the Brundtland Commission's Report" at the Third World Academy of Sci-

In the speech, read on his behalf by Industrial Development Bank Director General Taher Kanaan, Prince Hassan noted that Jordan was blessed with the availability of qualified human resources for research and development. "We plan to increase the research and development (R&D) expenditure through a new legislation to promote R&D. to generate financial resources and to introduce new incentives for R&D expenditure by the private sector, he said. "In the area of the environment, work is underway to formulate a longterm environment strategy which will be integrated in the next five-year development plan. We have also recently established a dedicated Environmental Research Centre at the Royal Scientific Society.

Turning to agriculture and food sector, Prince Hassan said that it was estimated that Arab countries imported food commodities valued at \$25 billion in 1987. Food security problems are not only related to increased food production and productivity in places where food is needed. Prince Hassan said. It is also related, he said, to "agricultural policies, land use, food pricing and subsidies distribution, postharvest waste, and above all it is related to inability of the poor to

AMMAN (J.T.) — Nearly 40 per

universities, and nearly all of

their rest of the graduates have

been absorbed by the 57 com-

munity colleges in the country,

according to Minister of Higher

Education Nassereddin Al'

Community colleges accept

students with 50 per cent average and above in both the literary and

scientific fields, the minister said

in a statement published by the

local Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily.



HRH Prince Hassau

available."

The Crown Prince said that there was concern in Jordan and the Arab region that no adequate action has taken place on the issue of water scarcity and water management, and the related problem of desertification and arid land treatment.

The water scarcity issue, the Prince said, "might well become by the turn of the century the most serious single threat to regional and international security, unless of course appropriate technologies are evolved in the meantime to deal with it."

The Crown Prince stressed that commitment towards the generations to come is represented in ensuring a better life on this

Prince Hassan also called for reforming financial and taxation systems, and creating financial incentives to encourage technological research studies so to preserve environment and tackle problems of desertification, deforestation, and scracity of water.

Following are major excerpts from the Crown Prince's speech: Sustainable development as aptly defined by the Brundtland Commission means the ability of one generation to meet its own basic needs. To achieve sustainable development a determined joint international effort is required. As His Majesty King Hussein noted in his recent purchase food even when it is address in La Hague, this joint tors.

"Although efforts are being

ment problem is growing in in-

tensity and dimension," the

The minister warned that the

government was not compelled to

employ university or college graduates and the public should

realise that there was no connec-

tion between obtaining a degree and finding a job. "It is true that

university graduates used to be

absorbed in Jordan and in other

Arab countries in the oil-boom

also the right of our future generations. We have an obligation to the future generations to ensure that the quality of their life on this planet does not deteriorate as a result of our action on the one hand, and our inaction, on the other. But this ability is facing formidable challenges. The current situation of the environment threatens the survival of Earth as a planet that sustains life and as a consequence threatens the survival of living matter including mankind.

The challenges we face to preserve the proper balance between the physical environment and human activities are indeed great and are global in nature.

The challenge before us is to devise ways and means for the offset and reunification of those social costs and external diseconomies resulting from compart-mental and micro production decisions both at the national and international levels. Part of the challenge also is to have such rectification before rather than

after the damage is done.

Experience has shown that building a national scientific and technological base requires deliberate and determined effort to integrate science and technology policies in national development plans drawn up to maximise the utilisation of endogenous factors of production and comparative advantage. In addition, high priority in the allocation of financial resources should be accorded to the support of those policies on sustained basis. Above all patience and realistic expectation of results in the short term should prevail.

The chances that the invaluable insights and recommendations of the Brundtland Commission will be implemented, depend on arti-culating them through effective institutional and legal reform at the national, regional and international levels. Aspects of that reform should be interdisciplinary and should interlock environment and development in all sec-



Nassereddine Al Assad

years but the situation has now changed and the government can no longer ensure any job for any graduate except in certain spe-cialisations and according to



services. need," he said.



WOMEN are asserting their rightful role in the upcoming Nov. 8 polls, the first parliamentary

elections in which women candidates will compete

which deals mainly with family

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The Nov. 8 general election will be the first in which women

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Woman candidate faces fundamentalist wrath

AMMAN (R) --- A Muslim religious court heard charges of apostasy Saturday against a women's rights advocate who is breaking new ground in Jordan by standing for parliament.

Islamic conservatives prosecuting Toujan Al Faisal, one of 12 woman candidates in next month's general election, want the Sharia court in Amman to declare her incompetent, dissolve her marriage and give immunity to anyone shedding her blood.

After listening to the plaintiffs for more than two hours, the judge set a hearing for Nov. 9, one day after the election, to rule on the court's competence to deal with the case.

The case has shed unusual light on tensions between Muslim conservatives and women seeking a higher social profile.

Women received the right to vote and stand for Parliament in 1974, but none has contested any of the by-elections held since then. Next month's election is the first national poll since 1967. A Muslim Brotherhood candidate is standing against Faisal, 40,

the Circassian Musiim and clear whether the Islamic Court. Shishan minormes. The Brotherhood is the largest of several Muslim fundamentalist groups oper-ating in the Kingdom.

"Extra nists are trying to make

an exam e out of me and to hush the voices who contradict them." Faisal to d Reuters on Thursday, adding that she had received telephone threats and a visit to her home from bearded militants who insulted her.

They called me a destructive element who was misleading people, especially women, and said I was not fit for a public post," Faisal said. "They would not say who had sent them." Faisal said she was a Muslim

well-versed in the Koran who had never done anything against Her husband, physician Ibra-

him Abu Al Adel, said he could hardly believe the actions taken against his wife.

much as sorry that he still have such mentalities in Jordan," he

May when she was forbidder to "It is too bad. I feel shocked as record a programme on pc.,-Faisal was not in court, but her

lawyer, father, brother, sister and 10 women sympathisers attended Lawvers say the case is without Saturday's hearing. in one of three seats reserved for precedent in Jordan. It was not

programme.

Jordan needs 700 health care specialists

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan is in the Ministry of Health designed trained for work in the field of primary health care service, according to Minister of Health and Social Development Zuhair

"The Arab Council for Medical Specialisations will be requested to recognise primary health care as a medical specialisation for which a three-year training period is needed, including practical work in Jordanian hospitals," the minister said Saturday at the opening of a training course for doctors in primary health care

The course, the minister said, is considered part of an integrated programme worked out by

need of nearly 700 specialists to provide health care for the individual and the society as a

Dr. Suleiman Qubaain, director of the Ministry of Health's nd Basic Health Sch rumary vices, told the meeting that the course aims to orient the participants on basic services and medicine involved in primary health

The participants will be familiarised on the type of problems they face in the course of their duty at health centres or hospitals as well as mother and child care services, Qubaain said.

The 38 participants in the fiveweek course will also listen to lectures on environmental and



occupation health, common contagious diseases as well as means of protection from such diseases and providing primary care services to the local communities.

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Velayatti in Damascus

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said serious efforts were needed to remove Aoun.

"Supporting the agreement is not enough. What is required is a courageous action to remove the obstacles hindering the reconciliation process," the newspaper

Al Thawra daily, which represents government thinking, said Syria would push for the implementation of the agreement regardless of Aoun's opposition.

Iranian leaders, including Rafsanjani, have said the Taif accord was defective because it fails to hand over the bulk of political power to Muslims, who make up a majority of Lebanon's popula-

The accord includes language had little influen calling for a partial, phased pull-holding hostages.

back of Syrian troops from the Beirut area, but has been rejected by Aoun because it fails to include a timetable for a total pullout of Syria's 40,000 troops.

There were no indications whether Velayati would also discuss with Syrian officials the issue of the 18 Westerners held hostage in Lebanon. Western observers believe most of them are held by prò-Iranian groups.

The issue of the hostages reportedly has strained Syrian-Iranian relations. Syria repeatedly has said it is doing its utmost to obtain freedom for the hostages.

But in his latest statement on the issue, Iran's Rafsanjani again tied any movement on the hostage issue to Washington's releasing billions of dollars in Iranian assets. He also said his country had little influence with those

Prague rally broken up

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More than 2,000 of the demonstrators eventually made their way to old town square, like Wenceslas Square a historic gathering place for Czechs.

They sang the national anthem and chanted more slogans for freedom before helmeted riot police again moved in to disperse the crowd.

Earlier, the crowd on Wenceslas Square, estimated at more than 10,000 cheered banners saying: "The truth will prevail," and "We will not let the republic be disrupted" - a popular Com-

munist slogan. Repeated warnings from uniformed police before the riot police moved in drew whistles and jeers from the crowd, which

also chanted support for the Charter 77 human rights organisation and banned playwright Vaclav Havel.

The crowd also chanted for Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, the philosopher who founded independent Czechsolovakia in 1918.

It was the largest anti-government demonstration since August 1988, when 10,000 people marched for more freedom on the 20th anniversary of the Soviet-led invasion that crushed reform in

Jakes, who supervised a purge of half a million of the Communist Party's reformist members after the 1968 liberalisation movement was crushed, has rejected talks with his critics.

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Alliance of devils

AT A TIME when the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) asserts that it has irrefutable evidence that Israel and South Africa are cooperating in the development of nuclear weapons and means of their delivery, the Israeli prime minister insists that the whole matter is a big lie! The first thing that comes to mind, in view of Israel's arrogant denial of its links with the apartheid regime in South Africa, is that the Israeli establishment has a lopsided conception of what constitutes truth and falsehood. For, if Shamir and his clique interpret irrefutable evidence as a big lie, then obviously there is something deeply wrong with their standards and that in turn would provide irrefutable evidence that Israel's words can never be trusted.

This is not to mention the well-corroborated evidence linking Israel with South Africa in economic and fiscal matters in open defiance of all international decisions to impose an iron-clad embargo on South Africa in all matters. As a matter of fact many countries, the Arab countries included, have been sounding the alarm about the ominous South African-Israeli links and relations for decades on end. Unfortunately, even some African countries which stand to suffer most from this diabolic link chose to ignore the Arab warning on the pretext that Arab-Israeli animosity usually colours Arab reports on Israel. Worse still, many countries, including some African ones, chose to gloss over all well-established evidence about the Pretoria-Tel Aviv axis to avoid confronting the barsh facts as they really are. And surely the U.S. and other major powers have always had solid evidence about the Tel Aviv-Pretoria military cooperation and chose to keep such evidence in their confidential or top secret files till the right moment. Now it seems that the level of military cooperation between Israel and South Africa has reached a very dangerous point culminating in the construction of a long-range nuclear missile; and, it seems, Washington has decided that enough is enough and that there was no way left except to expose the whole unholy alliance between the two countries for the whole world to see and draw the necessary conclusions.

The African and Arab countries must take comfort from this American impatience with Tel Aviv's policies whether with regard to South Africa or with regard to the stalemated s. At K Israeli secret deals with South Africa would bear out Arab suspicions that Israel's words and assurances can only be taken with a pinch of salt and that there is no limit to where Tel Aviv would go to impose its military begemony over the Middle East region even if that entails conspiring with the devil. But the international community cannot be expected to take this new evidence about Tel Aviv's cooperation with South Africa stoically. It is incombent on the Arab and African countries to increase their vigilance and cooperation to frustrate this dangerous link and to work together with a view to matching the danger emanating from the two racist countries with bold and meaningful reactions that Tel Aviv and Pretoria can feel.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i daily on Saturday discussed the situation in Lebanon following the successful mediation of the Arab League to bring about peace in the embattled nation. The paper said that the Arab League committee is following up this success by maintaining contacts with the concerned parties for the sake of explaining the national charter which was approved by members of parliament in Taif. The committee, the paper noted, wants to remove all doubts about the agreement and to gather further support for the charter which is bound to bring about a lasting peace to Lebanon. The Arab League's mediation effort is indeed a translation of the aspirations of the Arab people, and aim to save the country from further ordeals. Therefore, the paper added, all political parties and groups in Lebanon ought to respond favourably to the call for peace and ought to work hand in hand with the mediation committee to achieve the aspired goals. It must be emphasised that any direct or indirect accusations levelled against parliament members are intolerable under the present circumstances because, they might endanger any agreement for peace.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily discusses the situation in the occupied Arab territories with particular attention to the ongoing events in Beit Sahour where the Israeli troops have been involved in arbitrary action against the local population. Tareq Masarweh says that Beit Sahour represents the nucleus of revolution against occupation, aggression and repression, and the situation in the town could easily spread to other parts of occupied Palestine. The civil resistance in Beit Sahour represents the will of the Palestinian people who refuse to give in to Israeli repression and will maintain their struggle for freedom, the writer point out. The people of Beit Sahour are not discouraged by Israeli repression and are indifferent to Zionist threats and confiscation of property and belongings because they have one aim of resisting occupation and liberating their land, the writer adds. The writer believes that six weeks of civil disobedience by Beit Sahour was enough to carry the action and spread it to other parts of the occupied

Al Dustour daily newspaper commented in an editorial Saturday on the coming elections which, it said, are drawing near. Only days separate us from the historic day of elections in Jordan, a day when the people will freely elect their representatives to the legislative council, the paper said. It added that both the voters and the candidates ought to remain keen on making the coming experiment very successful so that the coming parliament can attain similar results. The paper said that the Jordanian people are aware of the critical situation and the numerous challenges their country is facing now, and ought to act responsibly if they aim to achieve fruitful results in the political, economic, social and financial arenas. The paper said that as Jordan is embarking on a new stage of political life and a new era of democracy, people are optimistic that the future will be bright and prosperous through the sincere efforts of their representatives in parliament.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

The dinar's outlook in 1990

THE value of Jordan dinar fluctuated widely during the past twelve months. The dollar was selling at 380 fils until the first week of October 1988. It rose to 510 fils during the second half of that mouth, to 570 fils in the first week of February 1989, down to 540 fils at mid February before it resumed rising to the level of 870 fils by the end of July. After July the dinar started to make a come-back and to recover part of its strength, pushing the dollar down to 690 fils nowadays. Thus the net cumulative depreciation of the dinar in the last 12 months was in the order of 45 per cent. The question most frequently asked is about the outlook of the

dinar during the remainder of this year and through 1990. Several indicators suggest that the fundamentals of Jordanian economy improved substantially in the past six months. Imports were down by 19 per cent, in dollar terms, during the first half of this year in comparison with the first half of 1988. Exports rose by 17 per cent. Deficit in the budget was halved. The foreign reserves of the Central Bank grew rapidly. Arab financial aid and expatriates remittances were moving satisfactorily, and the dinar's exchange rate, as a result, showed a reasonable stability.

The minister of finance has reasons to be optimistic. He is quite sure that the foreign exchange gap in 1990 will be covered as was the case in 1989. The Central Bank will finish this year with free dollar reserves of no less than \$300 million (currently over \$400 million). The Treasury will receive Arab financial aid during 1990 in excess of \$350 million and soft loans in the order of \$317 million, mainly from the IMF, the World Bank, and Japan.

Under these assumptions I can safely speculate that the exchange rate of the dinar will remain stable until the end of 1990

and in the area of \$1.43 to the dinar.

As for the policy of exchange rate, the Central Bank is still flexible, although it did not explain all the details of its policy. CBJ however is committed to a single exchange rate before the end of this year. The official rate of 630 fils will most likely be raised to meet the current rate at around 690 fils to the dollar. This will almost eliminate the negligible black market currently dealing at

A rate in the order of 700 fils to the dollar is realistic and defendable. It secures clearing the market, and may spur a normal flow of remittances from expatriates. Business circles in the private sector have already adapted themselves to this rate, and accordingly inflation has subsided considerably during September and October.

After 1990, the prospects of the dinar depend to a far extent on the behaviour of the government after the general elections. If the government maintained the economic restructuring programme, and continued to reduce financial deficit, and adjusted the economy in the right direction, stability will hold. If, on the other hand, the government adopted a populist policy and expanded public expenditure to appease pressure groups, the results will be

The Jordanian economy proved to be resilient and able to absorb the shock, contain the crisis, and take a new direction with all the sacrifices that must go with it. Any relaxation in government economic policy may cause a setback, which no responsible government will take on itself, irrespective of the pressures and temptations.

After two months, new style evident in non

By John Daniszewski The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Two months after Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki became the first non-Communist to lead an East bloc nation, a new style pervades Poland's government. Mazowiecki says he and the officers of government ministries seek to "separate ourselves from

the past with a thick line." One example would be Juliusz Burski, the new chairman of the state film committee. It marks the first time a director, not a politician, had the job.

There now are no films banned in Poland, though there is no pornographic film industry. Burski sees his main task as "demonumentalising my office" by giving up veto power over film projects, selling state-owned movie houses and helping private

"In my opinion the film industry should not be managed, but should be allowed to live," he said in an interview.

As the interview was ending, Burski flashed the "V-for-victory" sign associated with the Solidarity trade union federation, once banned.

Solidarity, indeed, has scored a victory. And the new mood also extends into Communist-led

At the ministry of building and spatial planning, Minister Alek-sander Paszynski talks about his plans for solving the housing crisis. Couples sometimes must wait

15 to 20 years for an apartment. He bopes to create the first free bousing market in post-war Po-land. He favours allowing people to buy and sell state-owned or cooperative housing, and to buy land to build homes. The money generated by such sales could build more housing.

In the past, local committees had to clear every land sale, and approval was difficult to obtain. A free market in building sup-plies would take control of them away from housing monopolies regarded as inefficient and cor-

Mazowiecki, a journalist and former political prisoner, came to power Aug. 24 through a man-oeuvre by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, who lured the Communist party's former allies, the sants and Democrats, into a

On Sept. 12, parliament approved a 24-member cabinet that includes 12 Solidarity members. There are four Communists in the cabinet, and they head the foreign trade, defence, interior and transportation ministries. The cabinet also includes one independent, four Peasants and three Democrats.

Journalists lead

Most of the ministers are new to administration, with the cabinet dominated by journalists, professors and that vague job heading: political activist. There is one private businessman, a computer entrepreneur, who heads the ministry of industry.

In virtually every ministry there are signs of radical change.

Justice Minister Aleksander Bentkowski asked victims of Stalinist crimes to come forward so. their cases can be investigated. Interior Minister Czeslaw Kisz-

czak, a Communist, dissolved the feared riot police. Minister of Education Henryk Samsonowicz received members of the oncebanned Independent Students Association and army generals for a discussion on ending mandatory military training for college

Foreign Minister Krzysztof Skubiszewski said Poland will support individual claims for World War II damages from the Soviet Union and East Germany, instead of just West Germany. Labour Minister Jacek Kuron

- a thorn in the side of every Communist leader in the last three decades - appeared on TV to explain why prices must increase.

The main TV news one day featured a commentator from a radio station formerly denounced as a nest of spies — Radio Free Europe. Now, the government says RFE will be allowed to open

a bureau in Warsaw. Despite such acts, there have been complaints, principally surrounding television and information policy.

Mazowiecki said when he took over that he wanted no "witch bunts," meaning the old ranks of Communist-appointed workers could remain if they followed instructions and displayed com-Mazowiecki's appointee to head the radio-television commit-

tee that controls state broadcasting, Andrzej Drawicz, took this instruction to heart and fired no one. But he did reassign to offcamera jobs three newscasters associated with martial-law propganda of the early 1980s. The Communist party daily Trybuna Ludu protested the

move, comparing it to the 1982-83 purge of hundreds of pro-Solidarity journalists. Meanwhile, Solidarity members have complained of not

enough changes within the state broadcasting system. Another complaint, voiced by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa

and parliamentary leader Bronislaw Geremek, is that the govern- ter Leszek Balcerowicz impressed

ment is not fully explaining its economic policies. Those com-ments come while prices are leaping by 50 per cent a month. Mazowiecki has surrounded

himself with free-market oriented economic advisers, a direction begun under the previous Communist government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski.

The difference is that Mazowiecki wants to undo the centralised economy in one to two years, about half the time previously predicted. And he has proved more willing to take on entrenched interests within the Communist party and among his own followers.

Solidarity's rank-and-file mem-bers suffered when the government persuaded parliament to limit cost-of-living increases to help plug the budget gap and fight milation. In turn, old-line Communists

protested when the government moved to dissolve the unions of cooperatives, the apparatus that formed hundreds of cooperatives such as dairies or food stores into nationwide monopolies that dictate prices.

The coal industry also is about to feel the sting. The government plans to reduce subsidies by 1.2 trillion ziotys (\$571 million) in coming weeks. Deputy Prime Minis-

the world lending community at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in early October by arriving with a radical reform plan after three weeks on the job.

Balcerowicz hopes to sign an IMF standby loan agreement next month, something previous Communist governments were unable to negotiate in 31-2 years.

The sharp turn to a market economy foresees heightened inflation as price controls end and state subsidies that lowered prices are eliminated.

A loaf of bread that cost 53 zlotys (11 cents) a year ago is now 560 zlotys (27 cents) and milk that. was 19 zlotys (4 cents) now costs 970 zlotys (46 cents). Since August prices have increased at a 600 per cent annual rate.

But the price increases, far greater than those that toppled Communist governments in the past, apparently have been received with pained understanding by most consumers. Labour ikes subsided and some people are collecting donations for the state treasury, such as one home put together 3.2 million zlotys (\$1,800). for aged women whose residents

According to the government's polling service, the new lead-ership is backed by 89 per cent of

By Alan Cowell

WADI DAHR, North Yemen -The old is very old here, and the new is very new. Sometimes, the collision is painful.

The Queen of Sheba, it is said, once ruled these lands, sending frankincense and myrrh by caravan across Arabia to Gaza, bound for Jerusalem, Athens, and Rome,

These days, the trade across the desert is in bootlegged Toyota Land Cruisers and compact disc

In this land at the tip of the Arabian peninsula, young men tote automatic rifles on their backs, and some tribes have tanks and armoured cars left over from the country's civil war, say people who have travelled extensively.

They report seeing such arms at tribal roadblocks that set the boundary between new government and old fiefdom, principally in the east and the north.

Some of the weapons are part of the patchwork of animosity that once divided North Yemen, which leans to the West, from South Yemen, a Marxist state whose Soviet-supplied rifles were smuggled easily into North

It is a violent society, used to blood feuds and angers that flare easily into conflict. In a land of 9.25 million people, Westerners say, there are 17 million personal weapons.

Worrisome to the authorities is the fact that their efforts to modernise encounter resistance from many who want the fruits but not the burdens of the wrench across the centuries. North Yemen, Foreign Minis-

ter Abdul Karim Iryani said, is a land whose mountainous geography built a history of clannish people living far from certral con-"Today, we are breaking this

isolationism," he said. But extending roads into remote areas, for example, does not mean that people will accept the rule of those who build them. This summer, government troops fought tribesmen near the

ancient eastern town of Ma'rib

for four days to force them to

register their cars. About 20,000 cars were registered, by the official count, but diplomats said that a dozen people were killed in the process, and the government had to settle the dispute by paying blood money to the bereaved.

The resistance to the licensing effort, Mr. Irvani said in an interview in San'a, was "an exact '

expression of this problem" the that Imam Ahmad owned the authorities face in establishing only officially approved radio. state authority is imposed in certain aspects of people's life, you will find difficulties," he said.

Wadi Dahr, where a 300-metre ocher precipice plunges to ver-dant plain, lies only 24 kilometres from San'a, the capital, and the state's authority seems deeprooted and unchallenged.

But turbaned men in Wadi Dahr still carry daggers and pistols, showing reluctance to abandon old ways that put the armed defence of tribe, family, and clan before allegiance to central rule.

Across the Arabian Peninsula, many societies have undergone profound change from feudal ways to a sense of modernity expressed in steel and concrete. largely since the discovery and

exploitation of oil. But in North Yemen there were no oil funds to pay fordevelopment. And terrain and the isolationism of the former rulers denied history's unfolding in a land that traces a sense of nationhood to the days before Jesus or Prophet Mohammad.

In 1962, republican revolutionaries overthrew the newly installed son of Imam Ahmad, the religious ruler whose palace still dominates Wadi Dahr.

The revolution signalled the start of a civil war that lasted seven years, pitting tribesmen arrayed on the royalist side against the revolutionaries who

held sway in the cities. When the war started, there was but one tarred road in the entire country and no secondary

Some Westerners say that North Yemen was so remote, and its leader so jealous of isolation,

walls of the old city of San'a from 6 p.m. until dawn. An aerial survey of the nation in 1972 revealed small towns so remote that the authorities did not know they existed. Western diplomats say.

The changes, thus, were even more abrupt than those that sped the rapid modernisation of oilproducing Arab countries like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. And the wealth of those nations brought their own changes in North Yemen. As oil revenues fed a need for

workers and artisans, millions of Yemenis went to work in Saudi Arabia and other wealthy countries, sending billions of dollars home before the oil recession of the early 1980s. At the same time, foreign aid

donors, including the United States, the Soviet Union and China, transferred funds to North And, last year, for the first

time, North Yemen began to earn money from modest oil resources developed by the American Hunt Petroleum Corp. Only one quarter of adults in

North Yemen know how to read and write, so the authorities have a limited pool of talent from which to draw administrators. The annual population growth rate is among the highest in the world at more than 3 per cent,

straining budgets. "We are going fast with development, but we are not able to come in with state infrastructure," Foreign Minister Iryani said. "The state cannot impose its authority everywhere because it

does not have the means." - The

New York Times.



Former Afghan officials form peace movement

By John Pointret The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Fifteen former top Afghan officials and military officers say they have formed an independent movement to try to bridge the gap between the Moscow-backed government and U.S.-supported

But a spokesman for guerrillas who formed a government-in-exile in neighbouring Pakistan denounced the new group. "It's just another gimmick of the puppet regime," said Najibullah Leirey, information minister of the selfproclaimed rebel government.

The Muslim insurgents, who call themselves Mujahedeen, or holy warriors, refuse to negotiate with the Afghan government, denouncing it as a Soviet puppet.

The new group, called the National Salvation Society, issued a manifesto earlier this month calling for an end to Soviet and American interference in

Afghanistan.
The society's 15 members, many of whom were educated in the West, say they want to unite Afghanistan and start repairing damage from the 11-year-old civil War.

All members of the society served in top government pos during the reign of Zahir Shah, whose four decades on the throne ended in 1973 when he was overthrown by his cousin, Mohammad Daoud, Daoud was assassinated in 1978 when the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan seized power.

According to the new group's estimates, which are slightly higher than information available to the United Nations, 2 million Afghans have been killed and 7 million have fled the country since the start of the revolution in 1978. They also say that 95 per cent of the 15 million Afghans inside and outside the country are now illiterate, and that 70 per cent of the nation's arable land has been abandoned.

"We are the group who stayed in Afghanistan during the last 10 years," said Mohammad Asghar, the society's chairman and a for. mer justice minister. "The destruction has got to such a point that we felt we would be committing a grave sin if we didn't work for peace."

Other members of the group

finance ministers, a former national police chief and an exgovernor of the central bank.

Lefrey, the rebel government's

spokesman, harshly criticised the

new group. "They brought some

naive old people and maybe they

are pressuring them or bribing them, but they are not acceptable to the Mujahedeen at all," he "If there is sincerity to end the war then the Russians should force Najib to leave and hand over the government to the Mu-jahedeen. That's it," Lefrey said,

referring to Afghan President Lefrey questioned the impartiality of people who stayed in Kabul throughout the decade of

intervention by Soviet Red Army

They have been in Kabul for 10 years," he said of the group members. "Where were they when the Russians were commit ting the atrocities? Why didn't they raise their voices then?" Foreign diplomats say the group has considerable popular support. Some diplomats and an Afghan observer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the new group could develop into a political force if it can stay inde-

"But their risks are tremendous," one diplomat said. "History has never been kind to moderates." The society's manifesto was

bendent.

carried by the government-run press and radio station on Oct. 7, but the group insists it is independent of government control

"We are a third force," said Asghar, who studied philosophy and education in New York. "Alien powers have changed our free country into an exercise board of their politics as well as a theatre of international confrontation. Giving fatal arms and boundless financial support to the warring sides, they add, at every moment, fuel to the flames of

War." The group's manifesto did not distinguish between the United States and the Soviet Union. It criticised the Kabul government's centralised economic policies and urged the establishment of a free market economy.

Abdul Qudoos Majid, the soci-

include former agriculture and minister of mines and industries, said it took 16 days to get the government to publish the man-

> gone to get our message across?" asked Majid. "We also went to them because we wanted to test the government's sincerity." Majid, 60, is the youngest member of the society. The aver-

"Where else could we have

age age is 66. President Najib has said he wants to start a policy of national reconciliation. He has intensified his call since the Soviet Union completed its withdrawal of combat troops in February to end a decade of direct military intervention in Afghanistan.

Several people in the new group have been jailed at one time, including the deputy chairman, former Gen. Abdul Hakim Katawazi, who lost his fingernails in torture sessions during Daoud's leadership. A government source, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity, said the government recently asked Katawazi to become minister of defence but he refused. Afghan observers said the government apparently does not oppose the group because it might help lure the 74-year-old Zahir Shah home from exile in Italy. The king remains a popular figure in Afghanistan, and his return might lend Najib the air of

legitimacy he seeks at home and

The king's return also might shatter the Mujahedeen alliance, a government source said. The leaders of the seven Pakistanbased Mujahedeen groups range from bitter anti-monarchists to former palace advisers who have said they would not oppose the king's return.

Asghar denied the National Salvation Society was set up simply to encourage the king's

"My main problem with the government has always been ideological," the 73-year-old scholar and avowed anti-Marxist said. "This whole fight started with the imposition of an alien system on Afghanistan which was rejected by our people. We want a system that is based on our own

ety's secretary and former deputy based on freedom," Asghar said.

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"We also want one that is

40 years later.

EVENTS in the Middle East over the past year have created additional needs among Palestine refugees and raised new expecta-tions of UNRWA, says Giorgio Giacomelli, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in his annual report to the U.N. General Assembly. The report, issued in New York today, covers the period July 1, 1988 to June 30,

The resolution establishing UNRWA was passed December 8, 1949, but the 40th anniversary of the Agency "is no cause for celebration," says Mr. Giacomelli in his report. It is a time to consider some of the agency's achievements but it is a "stark reminder of the failure to resolve one of the most unsettling political and humanitarian issues of our times.

"I am well aware that the solution can only be political and, thus, is not within the scope of the responsibilities and possibilities of the agency. I believe, however, that during this time of transition, more than ever before, UNRWA can have an important, practical role in facilitatng efforts towards peace."

UNRWA's annual report describes the agency's regular operations and emergency program- Palestinians have sought medical

mes during the year.
EDUCATION: The agency's 628 elementary and junior secondary schools provided places for 351,000 young refugees and 4,950 places at its eight vocational and teacher training central a tres. While programmes ran well in most areas, 90 out of 98 agency schools in the West Bank with corolment of 36,000 were forced to remain closed for most of the school year and the three training centres in the West Bank remained closed for a second year. In Lebanon, because of the security situation, 20 agency schools in the Beirut area were closed from mid-March. In spite of these difficulties some 310,000 children and 3,400 trainees received a full year of schooling and almost 400 students studied at universities on

igency scholarships. HEALTH: Emergencies in three fields not only created greater demands on agency health services but also required a shift of emphasis from primary preven-tive health care in the Gaza Strip and West Bank to greater involvement in emergency and casualty care. The information available to UNRWA indicates

attention for injuries at agency and other health care centres.

Recent studies showed the infant mortality rates among Pales-tine refugees to be within the range of 25-35 deaths per thousand live births, already better than the target of 50 deaths per thousand births set by WHO for the year 2000.

RELIEF: In addition to emergency relief operations in Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the agency provided welfare aid to some 141,000 persons, 6 per cent of the registered refugee population. A recent innovation is a small credit enterprise prog-ramme introduced in the occupied territory (West Bank and Gaza) in 1988 and in Jordan in June 1989. At the end of the reporting period, 133 projects were being assisted and the rate of loan repayment was over 75

In addition to its regular activities, UNRWA has undertaken special measures to deal with the special needs created by the uprising in the occupied territory and the reaction of the authorities to it. The cost is over \$20 million a year. Health clinic hours have

been distributed to families and normal agency feeding programmes for children, pregnant and nursing mothers have been expanded. The agency has also employed additional staff to provide general humanitarian assistance to refugees in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The agency has also under-taken an expanded programme of assistance which is envisaged to cost some \$65 million over three years to improve camp infrastruc-ture, refugee housing and em-ployment opportunities for re-fugees. At the end of June 1989, UNRWA had received cash or pledges of just over \$29 million for this programme.

The agency's annual report also noted a number of violations of its privileges and immunities by the authorities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Agency ambulances have been stopped on numerous occasions and schools and clinics entered by

The report also notes instances of collective punishment against refugee families and communities, such as the barricading of camp entrances and the demolition of rooms and shelters.



By Jeanne Causse

ECOLOGY and the protection of the environment come second in the list of preccupations of the French, just after problems of

The French singer Renaud expresses this concern in his own way when he says there is no question of "offering children a world without elephants, without whales, without eagles and with-

out rhipoceroses' The movement has grown and reached the dimension of a real social phenomenon showing the sudden and violent collective awareness of the dangers run by

The "Robin des Bois" organisation, for instance, illustrates this new awareness. This nonprofit-making association, which advocates the protection of Man and of the Euvironment, carries out prominent or legal actions, organises press campaigns and maintains a permanent information service. It works in relation with "Robin Wood" in West Germany. Its activities are reported upon in its paper "La Fleche".

"Robin des Bois" proposes concrete action. Not only recycled paper, but plant ivory, called corozo, which grows in the Amazonia region and which would save 80,000 elephants from being slaughtered in Africa every year. At the present rate, the African elephant would become completely extinct by the year 2,000 as there are only about 500,000 left. (Barely twenty years ago, there were still a few million of them). Jojoba oil, extracted from a shrub which could, moreover, he used to stop the encroachment of the desert, is being suggested as a replacement for whale oil. Women's publications which have an immense impact thanks to their diversity, advise their readers to use "Robin des Bois"

objects.
This wave of green thinking was bound to find its political interpretation. In 1984, a so-called "Green" party was created. It is, at present, headed by Antoine Waechter After winning 3.8 per cent of votes in the 1988 presidential elections, the "Greens" made a tremendous breakthrough in 1989 in the municipal elections (8 per cent of votes, 2,000 elected representatives), and in the European elections (10 per cent of the votes and 9 representatives). The Greens thus suddenly became a real powerful party which has to

The Greens and Antoine

be reckoned with

Waechter had long ago carefully prepared their dazzling rise. Before the municipal elections, they had prepared themselves during intensive briefings. They had not only learned to communicate, but they had also studied local finance and how a townhall operated. According to A. Waechter, it was necessary to "take root, before reaching the top". The "top" was rapidly reached and, as said by the newspaper "Liberation" Antoine Waechter "made the grade as a politician" when he appeared on the famous and "obligatory" political television programme "L'Heure de Verite" (the hour of truth) in which he was a great success, raising his score from the initial 47 per cent of viewers' opinions in his favour at the beginning of the programme, to 59 per cent at the end. Finally, the "Greens" also succeeded in the European elections with 30 members and seven countries represented forming the fifth of

ten groups represented in the European Parliament. That was all well and good, but there is a cruel dilemma. The Greens, together with Jacky Bonnemain who was "expelled" "Greenpeace France" consider that "politics has undermined the ecologist movement". The French Greens fiercely want to keep their independence and "do not want to lose their soul for ministerial positions". Is this

At any rate, they are attacking on all fronts. First of all, with

their publication "Vert-Contact" which, every week, denounces all attacks on the environment. These dangers go from the power station at Cray-Malville (2 breakdowns in one week) to the processing of nuclear waste at La Hague, not to mention pigeonshooting in Medoc.

The Prime Minister, Michel Rocard, is under attack. He is described as "an apprentice ecologist" by the Greens. "As far as words go, the Socialists are excellent. When it comes to action, they are useless". French ecologists also point out that if the Prime Minister has spoken in favour of controlling toxic waste sent by certain European countries to Africa, he has been against banning it outright for lack of means to apply such a ban.

"The Greens also succeeded in the European elections with 30 members and seven countries represented forming the fifth of ten groups represented in the European Parlia-

Brice Lalonde, a confirmed ecologist who was appointed Secretary of State for the Environment in the Rocard gov-ernmet, is not spared criticism either. "He does exactly what should not be done".

However, Messrs Rocard and Lalonde could justifiably oppose such comments. The former recently banned ivory from being imported into France, a measure which the European Commission has since extended to the whole of the EEC. The latter, who is very active, recently signed a decree for a preservation order on the 25th French regional natural park, the "Ballon des Vosges", covering 320,000 hectares and including 200 communi-

Having said that, the Greens have to be credited with having an ideological dimension and a seriousness, lacking in their predecessors, the trendies and hip-pies of the 60s. They include the defence of human rights in their manifesto. They have given themselves the means of gaining a victory on a political level, and the will to stay equidistant from both the left and the right. Their refusal to allow themselves to be engulfed by another group lacks neither courage nor coherence. It also takes a lot of lucidity (or candidness) to manage to avoid the traps set by the right and left which are trying to capture this unexpected potential electoral

However, because of their new power and the impact on public opinion, they cannot stay out of the political field for long. This has, moreover, been acknowledged by Antoine Waechter: The Greens do not simply form a pressure group. They have a vocation to participate in the power but any possible alliance will be based on a written government contract. We shall never be

The path has been laid out for the Green party. It is conserva-tion. Indeed, it is certain that the greater the following of this par-ty, the more it will be able to be true to itself and lean upon government policies.

It is already a great victory to have forced Michel Rocard, when called upon to give an opinion on the rise of the Greens, to acknowledge that, if it did not, to him, seem necessary for an independent green party to exist, each party henceforth had to put some 'green" into its programme and

itself apply a "green" policy.

It is to be hoped that the Greens will continue to rise. The awareness they symbolize of environment problems through public opinion in developing countries is, indeed, capital for the future of mankind.



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U.S. '89 budget deficit stays high at \$152.1b

WASHINGTON (R) — Even though shrinking the budget deficit is a major priority of the Bush administration, the government said Friday that it managed to cut the deficit only by a magre \$3.1 billion, or two per cent, in fiscal 1989.

The Treasury Department said the deficit declined to \$152.1 billion in the fiscal year which ended on Sept. 30.

the deficit in fiscal 1986 reached a record high of \$221.1 billion and has been hovering inthe range of \$150 billion for the past three fiscal years.

President George Bush has made shrinking the deficit one of his chief priorities and Budget Director Richard Darman said he was not satisfied with the progress made. He called on Congress to show more budget discipline.

"The good news is that the deficits are not going up. But I'm not saying we're satisfied with it — we're not," he told reporters.

Darman said the improvement was modest and statistically insig-nificant in the context of a \$5 trillion economy.

Under Gramm-Rudman deficit cutting targets, the U.S. budget gap must come down to \$110 billion in fiscal 1990, but some economists doubt that will

happen.
"The \$110 billion is probably laughable, \$130 billion is a bit optimistic, and something in the line of \$150 billion is more realistic," said Michael Drury, an economist at the Boston Co.

The only way to cut the gap is to raise taxes or slash spending. Lacking those politically difficult measures, the treasury has been forced to sell government securities to cover its revenue shortfall.

The biggest single government expense during the year was national defence spending, which rose to \$294.9 billion from \$281.9 billion the previous year, about

by strikes, ethnic conflicts and a

fall in labour discipline, TASS

growth rate has fallen consider-

ably, cutting the output of many

important types of production.

The uncontrollable rise in incom-

es has complicated the situation

in the consumer market," it said.

million working days were lost in

strikes in the first nine months of

the year — 2.3 million in Septem-

There were a series of strikes in

Azerbaijan in the first half of

September and there are still

rumblings from July's widespread

strike by coal miners demanding

more wages, better living condi-

tions and a greater degree of local

On Saturday, a strike commit-

tee representing miners in the

biggest pit in the Arctic city of

Vorkuta said the miners re-

mained on strike in protest at the

authorities' failure to fulfil prom-

ises of improvements made after

12.2 per cent compared to the

times higher than expenditure on

everyday goods and services,

Savings in state banks rose 23.1

billion roubles (\$37 billion at the

official rate) to 319.8 billion rou-

bles (\$512 billion). An acute

shortages of everyday goods means the country is awash with

Meanwhile an official of the

state bank indicated Friday that

foreign businesses will find star-

ting up operations in Moscow

somewhat less expensive because

they will be able to pay some staff

salaries and other bills with

The Soviet Union Wednesday

announced a dramatic devalua-

tion of the rouble, dropping the

rate for travellers' cash exchanges

from \$1 and 59 cents to 16 cents,

starting Nov. 1. The higher rate

will remain in effect on commer-

Valery Pekshev, deputy chair-

cheaper roubles.

cial transactions.

Average incomes, which rose

د. eriod in 1988, were 1.5

her alone.

July's protest.

According to the figures, seven

"As a result, the economic

Following defense, interest on the national debt was the largest expense. Interest payments to investors in government securities rose to \$240.9 billion in fiscal 1989, 21 per cent of all spending, from \$214.1 billion in the prior year, when it accounted for 20 per cent of total outlays.

Social welfare payments, which amounted to \$210.1 billion in the fiscal year, were the federal government's third-largest expenditure. In fiscal 1988, social security payments totalled \$197.9 billion.

Interest payments have been cating up an ever bigger chunk of the government's expenditures because the treasury has been selling more interest-bearing securities to pay off the accumulated national debt, which now

stands at \$2.88 trillion. Economists said government demand for investor funds has pushed up interest rates and raised the cost of capital for the American business

U.S. companies, for instance, cannot afford to invest as much as foreign competitors in Japan, whose cost of capital is relatively

drastically more favourable rate

The plan is bad news for Soviet

Asked at a news conference if

foreign businesses could use the

devalued rouble to pay their Soviet staff, Pekshev said: "If you

have withdrawn cash from your

foreign currency account, you

have the right to exchange your

currency, and nobody's going to

limited effect on foreign resi-

dents, because the Soviet govern-

ment now requires them to use

hard currency in paying many of

their basic expenses, including

Most Soviets working for fore-

igners also receive part of their

Pekshev said the rouble is

being devalued because the offi-

cial rate of \$1.59 per rouble "was

not realistic." On the black mar-

ket, tourists could receive up to

20 times as many roubles for their

Travellers' largest expenses for

hotels and transportation must be

paid in foreign currency to In-

tourist, the state tourist agency. But Pekshev indicated visitors

may see a break here as well.

exchange rate into account"

when negotiating new contracts

Pekshev said the devaluation

THE BETTER HALF.

with tour companies, he said.

had been contemplated in sum-

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"Intourist will take the new

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However, the change will have

control how you spend it.

citizens travelling abroad, howev-

er. They will have to pay ten times as many roubles for their

when changing cash.

foreign currency.

ACC economy chiefs plan successive talks

Trade Zivad Innab announced here Saturday that ministers of industry in the four-member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries plan to meet in Baghdad during inauguration ceremonies of the Baghdad International Fair.

The opening is scheduled for Wednesday and many countries, including Jordan, are participating in it by displaying samples of national products.

· In a statement to the Tunisian Al Shurouq daily, the minister said the four ministers would discuss further practical steps for the implementation of a joint agreement on cooperation and integration in economic and industrial fields.

Innab, who has concluded talks here with Tunisian officials, said Jordanian-Tunisian economic cooperation has lately witnessed concrete progress towards an increased trade between the two

The Joint Jordanian-Tunisian Committee will convene by the middle of next month in Amman to discuss details of plans designed to stimulate the role of private sectors in both countries

mer but authorities did not want

Pekshev said the devaluation

would reduce the number of

Soviets travelling simply to buy

coveted Western goods in short

supply at home.

Many Soviets have been able to

pay for their trips by bringing

home such highly profitable items

as a \$2,000 computer and selling

200 roubles, and they would

make 4,000 to 5,000 roubles off

it," Pekshev said in a separate

interview with the labour news-

paper Trud. "If the state takes

not 200 roubles from them, but

many years from becoming fully convertible, Pekshev indicated

other adjustments are being

made. Soviet exporters are due to

receive a rouble bonus on their

foreign currency earnings starting

Jan. 1, he said.
In addition, a foreign currency

auction among Soviet enterprises

is currently under way. Com-

panies submitted closed bids to

the Vnesheconombank to buy or

sell their foreign currency, and

match them up. Gennady Mazonov, a senior

researcher in the Institute of

World Social System Economics

specialising in rouble convertibil-

ity, said the devaluation was "a

happy, unexpected surprise," but

said it should have gone as far as

10 cents to the rouble, to compete

be no effect on the unsatisfied

hunger for foreign currency."

As it is, he noted, "there will

By Harris

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with black market rates.

Although the rouble is still

2,000 it will be only fair."

"We used to give them \$318 for

it for 50,000 roubles.

to disrupt the tourist season.

TUNIS (J.T.) - Industry and and to boost economic cooperation between them, the minister noted.

> Referring to investment in Jordan, Innab noted that foreign investors are granted facilities and privileges on equal terms with their Jordanian counterparts. He said the investment projects enjoy exemptions of income tax and other duties in the first five years and that equipment and spare parts for machines are specially exempted from duty to help start projects.

Dow Jones slips below 2,600 level

NEW YORK (R) — Wall Street stocks tumbled again Friday as disappointing third-quarter results and worries about the economy continued to plague the market, sending the dollar lower

chemark of 2.8881.

Lawson's resignation also weighed on New York trading.

In the broader market, advances led declines by nearly three to one on the New York Stock Exchange in moderate trading of 170.3 million shares.

bad earnings reports this week," said Anthony Woodruff, head of a equity trading at Kidder Peabody and Co. "There has been little reason to rally."

Traders also said the market is shifting its emphasis to economic fundamentals from speculative takeover issues.

Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp, reported dis-appointing earnings Thursday, which continued to weigh on stocks Friday, traders said

Kidder Peabody's Woodruff. We are seeing a continued slowdown in manufacturing America and that has translated into lower prices in the stock market."

er at Travellers Investment Management, said she expected more bad news on earnings as thirdquarter announcements continue to come in.

points after a record point rise the week before. The Dow now stands near its level after Friday, Oct. 13th, when it plunged 190

After the stock market's weeklong slump, the dollar ended more than a pfennig lower in a

confusing session.

The U.S. currency closed lower in New York at 1.8285 marks,

Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market starting Saturday Oct. 21, '89 and ending Wednesday Oct. 25, '89. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

	of shares	of trade	DEACE	pene	******
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Industrial Development Bank	30200	49528	1.650	1.640	1.000
Lordan Islamic Bank		3694	2.300	2.310	1.000
Jordan Kuwait Bank		3231	1.400	1.400	1.000
Housing Bank		45549	1.800	1.950	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank	13000	34060	2,620	2.620	1.000
Cairo Amman Bank		4077	27.000	27.000	5.000
Bank of Jordan		10609	14.750	14.000	5.000
Arab Bank		2008335	200.000	210.000	10.000
Jordan National Bank		107323	2_500	2.490	1.000
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insurance and reinsurance

The pound sterling, reacting to Britain's economic turmoil over the resignation of Finace Minister Nigel Lawson Thursday, took yet another beating and fell to a three-year low against the Deuts-

A drop in London stocks after

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 17.01 points in its fifth straight loss to 2,596.72, slipping below the key support level of 2.600.

There have been a series of

Several major firms, including

"You have had major disappointments all were long," said

Susan Del Signore, senior trad-

Wall Street stocks fell every session last week and lost 92

from 1.8405 Thursday and at the previous day.

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Real Estate Investment (Agarco)	8700	5297	0.620	0.610	1.0
Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment	484331	186238	0.370	0.390	1.0
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments	71500	10800	0.660	0.650	1.0
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Ta'jeerco	21814	8273	0.880	0.870	1.0
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Jordanian Electric Power	10866	15262	1.410	1.400	1.0
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Arab International Hotels	77890	128302	1.650	1.630	1.0
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United Middle East and Commodore Hotels	6550	3079	0.450	0.470	1.0
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Jordan National Shipping Lines		441816	2.480	2.510	1.0
Jordan Press Foundation	295	885	3.000	3.000	1.0
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Jordan Dairy	146624	176629	1.150	1.240	1.0
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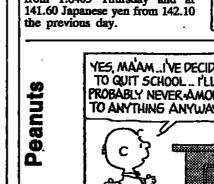
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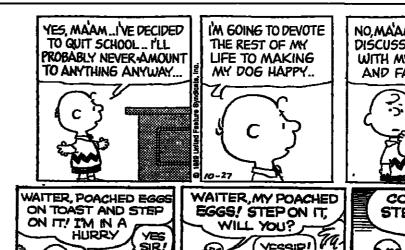
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Figures show worsening Soviet economy

third quarter, has been marked Soviet Union will receive the

MOSCOW (Agencies) — The Soviet economy, hit by strikes, ethnic conflicts and high wage rises, has worsened since July, according to official statistics

published Saturday. The figures, released by the official TASS news agency. appear to confirm public frustration with the persistent failure of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika programme of economic restructuring to im-

prove their standard of living. "Existing policies for the revitalisation of the financial situation have not yet had tangible results." TASS said, referring to steps taken earlier this year that included taxing large wage increases and cutting military

spending.
TASS said the figures meant that for the rest of this year, workers in every branch of industry must significantly step up their work-rate and increase their responsibility for the fate of the

The state statistics committee Goskomstat, which prepared the figures, said production had slumped since July and the rise in imports outstripped that of exports ten-fold since January. Although food imports had grown by 23 per cent, the food supply to many areas had actually worsened, it said.

The figures for January to September show imports of goods and services rose 5.1 per cent to 50.4 billion roubles while exports edged up just 0.5 per cent to 49.3 billion roubles.

If the trend continues for the rest of the year, it will be the first time since 1976 that the Soviet Union had recorded a negative trade balance.

In the third quarter of the year. from July to September, industrial production grew by one per cent compared to 2.7 per cent for the six months from January to June. In many republics, industrial production in September fell

compared to last year.
No figures were given for energy production but an agency offi-cial said these would be published

man of the state bank, said Friday This year, and particularly the that foreigners who live in the Costa Rica announces debt relief agreement

SAN JOSE (AP) — A joyful Costa Rican President Oscar Arias thanked President George Bush Friday for the U.S. role in restructuring Costa Rica's foreign debt in ways expected to save his country \$100 million a year.

Arias announced the debt restructuring at an airport welcoming ceremony for Bush, who arrived for a two-day meeting with hemispheric leaders.

Arias said the agreement would reduce Costa Rica's \$4.5 billion foreign debt to private commercial banks by \$1 billion. The annual cost of paying interest on the debt will be reduced from \$150 million to \$50 million.

"For our neighbours in North America, \$1 billion isn't much,

debts in the world. Arias praised his country's eco-nomic officials who had engaged

U.S. government, who gave us so much assistance within the framework of the Brady plan."

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Saturday October 28, 1989

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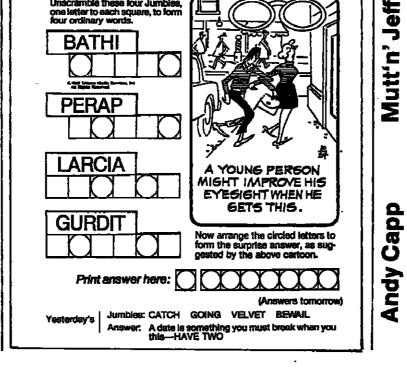
world," he said.

With a population of only 2.7 million, Costa Rica has had one of the highest per capita foreign

in months of negotiations with international bankers in Washington, and thanked "the

The Brady plan is the initiative that Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady announced last March for helping reduce the crushing \$1.3 trillion debts of Third World na-

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"I do so help with the housework!

Just yesterday I kicked a beer can under the sofa!"

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Herrit Arroid and Bob Lee

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One way to defeat the national team

By Hiba Abu Al Rouss Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - How do you organise a match between handicanped people on wheelchairs and a regular basketball team? Put the regulars on wheelchairs, of course. This is what actually took place in a game held last

Thursday. Motivated by the belief that being confined to a wheelchair does not necessarily mean the person cannot play sports, the Jordanian Federation for the Handicapped held a basketball game between members of the federation and players of Jordan's national basketball team as part of a series of games.

On court, advantages and dis-advantages were eliminated when the national team too used wheelchairs for a change. "It was a bit

BY CHARLES GOREN

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THE Daily Crossword by Stephen Floreck

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GOREN BRIDGE

SPOT THE BETTER LINE

awkward, but wheeling after the ball was more fun than running after it," said one of the players of the national team after the

But the final scores were not that equal as the handicapped federation won, scoring 85 points leaving the national team lagging behind with only 28 points.
"Yet it was more challenging.

We (the national team) had our skill in playing basketball on foot, while the opposition players were experts in manoeuvring and handling their wheelchairs," Hilal Barakat said, noting that the handicapped had been practising wheelchair basketball for nearly

One of the not-so-tall members of the national team excitedly explained how playing from a wheelchair requires double the effort of playing on foot.

your only way to ensure your con-

tract. You go to dummy with the queen of diamonds, hook the heart

and end up losing a heart and two

If you study the hand carefully.

you see that you can combine the heart finesse with another chance—

a coup en blanc-where the defend-

er with the ace of spades has to

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suit, you need your entry to the

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After ruffing the opening lead, cash a high diamond and lead a

trump to the queen. Now lead a

spade to the queen and return a

spade, ducking on the board. When

this fetches the ace, you can claim your contract regardless of whether the heart finesse wins or loses. Your

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appear? You can still fall back on

the heart finesse. Win any return,

concede a spade and ruff a spade as

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What if the ace of spades does not

spades for down one.

"Usually I try to jump as high as I can to shoot the ball, but on a wheelchair I concentrate all my energy in my arms," he said adding "first I have to push the wheelchair as fast as I can, then I prepare my body to push the ball as high as possible, to compensate for the jump."

Barakat seconded his colleague's opinion and said: "When playing on foot, I jump and nearly pour the ball into the basket. But when I shoot it while sitting, the distance is longer and anticipation increases, so when a score is registered, I feet twice as happy."
Khaled Abu Amsha, a perma-

nent wheelchair user, talked about a basic aspect of the sport, saying it gives life a new dimension of movement.

"On a wheelchair, I can either rust sit back and brood about the things I cannot do because of my disability; or I try to make the best of what I am able to do. Recently I discovered basketbail to be one of the things I can do,"

According to Abu Amsha, the

team feels united despite the fact that they come from different environments and social levels. "During the match we will have the same goal of scoring points," he said. Regular players may have grudges or sensitivities, but we make it point to work as one

Another disabled player talked how participating in the game made him and others forget about their disability.

The game was attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Haya, the president of the federation, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid. Minister of Youth Awad Khleifat and the secretary general of the federation.

Graf battles to reach the final

BRIGHTON (R) - Steffi Graf fourth here, gave a superb display was given her sternest test since losing the French Open final when she had to battle for 108 minutes to beat Czechoslovak Jana Novotna Saturday and reach the final of the Brighton women's

indoor tennis championship. The 21-year-old Novoma, who has risen to number 10 in the world this year and is seeded

before a relieved Graf nosed home 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Graf, the defending champion, will meet either 15-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles, who took her to three sets in the French Open semifinals in June, or Bulgarian second seed Manuela Maleeva in Sunday's final.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1989 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today with the advent of the New Moon brings many positive options for you to finish pending projects and shake the dust off to bring various concerns to light, in a benefical way. Good day to clear the air with a romantic partner.

ARIES: (March 20 to April 17) Many new worthwhile friendships can now come into your social life. Get business ideas from those who think differently from you.

TAURUS: (April 18 to May 19) An influential man will show you how to increase harmony at home. Keep any and all promises made to your attachment conscientiously.

GEMINI: (May 20 to June 20) Take social contacts to a restaurant where much harmony, beauty exists. Do what you have financially agreed to do for your household. MOON CHILDREN: (June 21 to July 21) Invite as many persons as possible and entertain in your home. Information that will be helpful to you in business is now available to you in periodicals.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A smile at your home today is an important attitude. Visiting kin and companions with your own family require care on the

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 21) Stop and think before you commit any assets to some new venture. Lots of interesting people will come into your home at this

LIBRA: (September 22 to October 22) Getting off alone now with good friends will cament ties and

bring you much closer. A good day to visit or phone as many friends and relatives as you possibly can. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Don't get upset with a friend who breaks a social engagement. You need to expand your ideas of abundance if you are to have more money.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 20) Be charming and avoid a bad argument with a good friend. Listen to an older friend's business advice even though it will

CAPRICORN: (December 21 to January 18) Much investigation is now wise before you make any commitments. Take your attachment to interesting events in the

AQUARIUS: (January 19 to February 17) Many triends and acquaintances will present interesting points of view now. A trip with a family member could be a delight. PISCES: (February 18 to March 19) Invite a recent acquaintance into your home so you can know him better. Don't let an outside life.

Today's child: If your child were born today he or she will view everything from the best vantage point and have somewhat of a tendency to hold themselves one step removed from the main stream of life, preferring to be an observer in some cases rather than a doer. Although friends are acquired slowly, they remain friends for life.

"The stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you.

The national team trying it the hard way.

UAE qualified for WC finals

SINGAPORE (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) drew 1-1 with South Korea Saturday to qualify for the World Cup soccer finals for the first time.

South Korea, who Wednesday clinched a place in next year's finals, went ahead after eight minutes through Wang Bo-Kwan, but Adnan Khamis Talyani hit

back eight minutes later.
The UAE grabbed the second of Asia's two places in the finals as China conceded two goals in the last four minutes and crashed to a shock 2-1 defeat against Qatar in another match on the last day of the Asia group final qualifying tournament.

six-team tournament unbeaten with eight points, two more than the Emirates. Asian champions and pre-

tournament favourites Saudi Arabia avoided finishing bottom by

The matches were held simultaneously at three different venues as all the results had a bearing on who would join the South Koreans in the finals in With the Emirates seeming un-

beating North Korea 2-0.

likely to pierce the South Korean defence again, China looked on their way to Italy on goal differ-ence when Ma Lin opened the scoring against Qatar in the 77th minute after a goalmouth Melee.

But two lightning goals in the 86th minute by Mahmood Soofi and in the 88th minute by Mansoor Muftah dashed Chinese South Korea finished top of the

The two-week tournament, dominated by tactics and defensive football in its early stages. really came alive only on the final day with teams locked in do-ordie battles.

PROMISE for needy

AMMAN (J.T.) - Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Al Hussein, Promise, a needy established welfare society whose name is actually an acronym, People Reaching Out Making International Sharing Easy, is sponsoring its first event, a fund-raising charity five-kilometre walkon Nov. 3, at 11:00 a.m. The walk will start and end at the Amman Marriott Hotel.

Held at the start of the winter eason, the event aims to provide for the needy in the upcoming cold weather by using the proceeds of the day for this



HRH Prince Faisal Participants in the walk will be asked to pay JD 3 which entitles them to a T-shirt and

Amman Little League Soccer cup round scores Friday, Oct. 27, 1989

TOTS

JUNIORS

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Pan Am (1)

EC championship:

Lendl, Chang into semifinals

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) Top-seeded Ivan Lendl and U.S. prodigi Michael Chang both scored comfortable straight-set wins Friday to set up a semifinal match in the \$1,050,000 European Community championship exhibition event.

Lendl kept Austrian Horst Skoff on the defensive with power tennis to win 6-3, 6-3.

Chang won a battle of defenses with Alberto Mancini of Argentina 6-4, 6-3 to set up the first duel with the world's number I player since he beat him on his way to

the French Open title. "It is going to be really tough," said Chang. "I know he wants this match."

Defending champion John McEnroe played Czech Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir and U.S. players Tim Mayotte and Brad Gilbert clashed in the other quarterfinals Friday.

Lendl is already showing he is ready to avenge the famous loss to Chang on the red clay of Roland Garros.

He dominated the first four games to set the tone with his

booming forehand and overpowering serve and scored an easy 6-3 win in the first set. Skoff was short of answers

throughout the afternoon and again trailed 4-1 in the second set to preempt any comeback ideas. Lendl, serving seven aces in the match, played relaxed tennis for the rest of the match to earn the semifinal

Mancini kept up with Chang until deep in the first set, but went his drives started going astray, Chang broke serve to take the first set.

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FAST



Tigray rebels accept peace talks in Rome

NAIROBI (Agencies) — Tigray rebels said Saturday they would begin peace talks with the Ethiopian government in Rome next week to try to end 14 years of civil war.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said the talks would start Nov. 4 and implied that Addis Ababa had been forced to the negotiating table by its demoralised military comman-

ders and Soviet allies. There is a great reluctance on the government side," TPLF spokesman Tewolde Gabru told Reuters by telephone from London. He said the government had

not yet named its negotiators. Tewolde said the Soviet Union was undoubtedly putting pressure on Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam to negotiate with the rebels, while still sending arms supplies to his government.

The latest shipment of Soviet weaponry, including heavy artillery, arrived at the port of Asab Sept. 12, he said. A special Soviet

SAN JOSE (Agencies) — Nicara-

guan President Daniel Ortega's

announcement that he would

scrap a ceasefire and launch an

contra rebels next week oversha-

dowed a pan American summit

Hours after joining U.S. Presi-

dent George Bush and 14 other

leaders to celebrate the centen-

nial of Costa Rica's democracy,

discuss ways to promote peace

and seek solutions to debt and

drug problems, Ortega told a

student meeting in San Jose Fri-

protect the lives of Nicaraguans

and to guarantee the electoral

process. This means that the ceas-

Ortega was more specific in

interviews with the New York

Times and the Miami Herald,

saying the Sandinista army would

go on the offensive Wednesday

"We have to find a way to

meeting Saturday.

day night:

efire has to end."

amst U.S.-Dacked

envoy, First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov, flew to Ethiopia Wednesday for talks

The TPLF said in a statement telexed to Reuters from London that the Italian government would act as an observer in what it described as "preliminary" peace talks in Rome.

The Tigrean rebels, who described an on-going offensive mounted in late August as a pre-emptive strike against mobilising government forces, said in a telex to the Nairobi office of the AP: "The TPLF has always stood for peace and a peaceful solu-tion." This agreement to hold talks is a clear proof of its princi-

pled and firm stand on peace." The rebels pushed the govern-

Nicaraguan threat to end

rebels inside Nicaragua.

truce overshadows summit

against an estimated 2,500 contra

Contra director Aristides San-

chez said in Miami the attack

poorly-armed rebels. Sanchez,

one of six leaders of the Nicara-

guan umbrella group, said there

were 6,000 rebel troops in Nicaragua, not the 2,500 Ortega esti-

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker said that if Ortega did end

the ceasefire "it might well be

just an excuse to deny his people

Massive voter registration for

the Feb. 25 election might be giving Ortega "a little bit of

heartburn," he said.
Bush was scheduled to meet

Violeta Chamorro, the main

opposition candidate, who has

received \$2 million in U.S. aid.

Costa Rican President Oscar

Arias, host of the summit and

Saturday.

free and fair election."

February and there was a hill in fighting until August, when the rebels pushed south into neigh-

bouring Wollo province. Earlier this week, the insurgents claimed to have captured the town of Mekane Selam, 170 kilometres north of Addis

That would mark their deepest penetration toward the capital in a 15-year-old battle to overthrow the government of Mengistu.

The government also is scheduled to resume peace talks with another major rebel movement, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, in Nairobi next month. Those talks began in Atlanta. Georgia, in September, with for-mer U.S. President Jimmy Carter as an observer.

The Eritrean rebels have been fighting a war of secession for 28 years in Ethiopia's northernmost province. The two rebel forces The rebels pushed the govern-ment out of Tigre province last on the battlefield.

architect of the Central American

peace plan, said ending the cease-

fire would be regrettable.
"The ball is and should be in

In the newspaper interviews,

Ortega said there were no plans

to postpone the election, part of a

Central American peace plan, or

A preliminary ceasefire be-

tween the contras and the leftist

Sandinista government took

effect April 1, 1988 and both

sides have accused each other

repeatedly of violating it. The war has caused 25,000 deaths

In his speech at the University of Costa Rica, Ortega said contra

rebels killed 19 peasants last

Saturday as they were travelling

to register to vote. "They are

denying Nicaraguans the right to participate in the electoral pro-

reimpose emergency laws.

ary court," Arias said.

Warsaw Pact affirms non-interference policy

WARSAW (AP) — The East Europe and "definitely climinate bloc's foreign ministers have affirmed a policy of not interfering in each other's affairs, but nation to independent decision-Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze also defended the Soviet intervention in Czechoslo-

In a final communique at the end of the first Warsaw Pact session hosted by Poland's new non-Communist-led government, the ministers Friday also urged faster disarmament in conventional, chemical and short-range nuclear weapons and stressed the inviolability of European bor-

But the communique made no mention of the touchy area of economic relations within the bloc, nor Nor did it take note of the problems in East Germany, where an exodus of citizens and huge protests this month led to the replacement of hardline-leader Erich Honecker and a promise of reforms from the new lead-

The communique said only that, "as much as the situation is undefined, conditions are ripening" for a breakthrough that would overcome the division of

the relics of the 'cold war'." By affirming "the right of every making about its... social, politic-

al and economic development, without outside interference," the ministers repudiated the socalled Brezhnev doctrine. Under the doctrine, named for the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviets intervened in nei-

ghbouring or allied countries, including Czechoslovakia in 1968 and Afghanistan in 1979, to ensure the maintenance of friendly, orthodox Communist govern-But current Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has repudi-

intervene in other countries' in-ternal affairs. The Warsaw Pact communique said that "unconditional respect for the inviolability of borders and sovereignty of states" is of

"Any efforts to destabilise the situation, question the post-war borders and resume debate of this matter harm the process of building confidence and security in

fundamental importance."

But Shevardnadze, in an interview with the .pro-Solidarity newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza, defended the Soviet Union's 1968 intervention in Czechoslovakia to suppress the reforms coming from the Prague Spring move-

"We may only change our appraisal of those developments from the present day perspective by a joint decision. It is a very complicated, delicate and difficult problem," Shevardnadze said. "I deem it inadmissable for anyone to impose his view of that problem on others. We regard appraisal made by the Czechoslovak Communist Party and the Czechoslovak government as ated the policy of using force to

> As Poland, Hungary and the Soviet Union experiment with reforms, a gulf is emerging between them and the remain East bloc countries — Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania —

> that are resisting change.
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> A Polish Foreign Ministry official, Boleslaw Kulski, said there were no open antagonisms in the ministers' debates, which took place in closed sessions.

COLUMN 7 & 8

Whale in love with ferry boat

LARSNES, Norway (AP) — A killer whale appears to have flipped head over tailfins for a lumbering Norwegian ferryboat, enchanting passengers and most of Norway in what some call a case of whale courtship. For 10 days, the four-metre long killer whale has hugged the side of the Voksa, a 45-metre long car and passenger ferry, on its glamourless route to island villages that freckle the west coast of Norway. Norwegian newspapers widely reported the black and white sea mammal's infatuation with the black and white ferry. Aithough the whale has been making all the advances, a Voksa crewman said, "it's hard to say who fell in love with whom." The crew claims the whale enjoys showing off for people. They named it Hanna, despite doubts about its gender. Kjell Nystocyl, the Voksa's 35-year-old captain, said Hannaprobably lost the group of whales she was in. The others were seen in the area about a month ago. "There must be some vibration from the ship's hull that she finds comforting," he said.

Gabor tells critics where to go

NEW YORK (R) - Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, under sentence of three days in jail for slapping a policeman, gave a star performance Friday, hijacking a television talk show, comparing herself to Mother Teresa and shouting insults and obsenties at her critics. Who says Zsa Zsa can't act? Looking coy, then imperious, appealing now for pity, now wiping away tears before calling her critics stupid, the former Miss Budapest turned the popular Phil Donahue show into goulash. She did everything but reveal her real age. "A woman who tells her age reveals all," said Gabor who was also sentenced to put her correct age on her driving licence. She would admit only to being under 62 although reference books say she could be in her 70s. She exchanged insults with a blonde actress in the audience who dared to suggest that she gave blondes a had name and that the public was fed up with her. "You are a god-damned —," she told the actress, Madonna Christian, as television bleeped out her expletive.. "You will never make it with the fellas," she added. "I know women like you. You are so beautiful but you are stupid." Zsa Zsa was on the Donahue show to give her side of her celebrated conviction for slapping Beverly Hills: policeman Paul Kramer, who stopped her Rolls Royce to give her a ticket. She claimed she was fighting for her life and the only reason Kramer did not shoot her was because "he probably wanted to

Stolen renoir found in museum lavatory

BRUSSELS (R) - A tiny painting by French impressionist Pierre Auguste Renoir, stolen from its frame in a Brussels art museum this month, was found in the museum's lavatories, an official said. The painting, entitled "Nude" and measuring 16 by 18 cm disappeared from its frame on Oct. 5. It was discovered in a toilet ventilation duct by museum staff. A museum spokeswoman said the painting, worth about two million Belgian frames (\$50,000), was undamaged and would soon be back on display, but now protected by a glass case.

Sprinklers spoil samosa pyramid

JOHANNESBURG (R) - Automatic sprinklers spoiled an Indian restaurant owner's bid to build a giant pyramid of samosas in a Durban park. Carrim Ackbar hoped to earn publicity for his business and money for charity by stacking up 3.5 tonnes of the spicy pastries and selling them. "I stood there stunned as the sprinklers attacked my samosa pyramid. The filling oozed out and fell to the ground in a gooey heap," Ackbar told the Johannesburg Star newspaper. Park attendants were sympathetic but could not switch off the computer-controlled sprinklers before they had wrecked the 9,500-rand (\$3,400) stant.

Washington relaxes terms for

anti-Noriega involvement WASHINGTON (AP) - The

White House and the Senate Intelligence Committee agree on liberalised conditions for future U.S. involvement in coup attempts aimed at toppling Panama's de facto leader, Manuel Antonio Noriega, the panel's chairman says.

U.S. President George Bush's

administration and the Senate panel reached "a meeting of the minds" over the past two weeks, culminating in a detailed session Thursday with representatives of Central Intelligency Agency the (CIA), the U.S. Defence Department and the State Department, said Senate Committee chairman David Boren.

was that U.S. officials would be free to counsel and consult with potential coup plotters so long as the plot does not specifically set ties for the next two years and settling a long-running dispute over how the president reports clandestine overseas operations to

The committee dropped a proposal to force such disclosures with in an absolute 48-hour limit after Bush agreed to put in writing his policies on informing Congress. Presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater, speaking to reporters Friday on Air Force One on route to Costa Rica, said Bush would;

send a letter to Congress as early as next week formalising the agreement to notify lawmakers "within a few days" of any covert operation.

Bush "doesn't believe in having

an artificial deadline" to carry out his foreign policy duties, Fitz-

3 opposition members reject anti-Bhutto bil no-confidence vote would des-ISLAMABAD (AP) - Three tabilise the country.

opposition legislators have said they will not vote for a noconfidence motion against Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's 10month-old government because they feared it would lead to un-

That would give Bhutto enough votes to survive the motion, if all her party's legislators

also vote against it. Meanwhile, a high-level delegation from her left-leaning People's Party travelled to the southern city of Karachi to try to win back a crucial immigrant party that withdrew its support of the government earlier this week.

The motion aimed at toppling her will go to the floor of Pakistan's National Assembly Nov. 1. Bhutto has expressed confidence she will survive.

Three assembly members from the conservative Pakistan Muslim League, the main component of the opposition's nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance, issued a necessary for the motion's sucstatement saying they feared the cess.

ODD LOTS By Heary Salzbandler

"It is likely to lead to chaos and violence as a result of intense polarisation and confrontation

The alliance, whose parties

among the people," they said.
It was signed by Syed Makhdoom Ahmad, Shabir Ahmad and Ghulam Mohammad Manika of Punjab province, the opposition's stronghold.

range from centrist to Islamic fundamentalist, triggered Bhut-to's worst political crisis to date when they announced that an immigrant party had switched sides, boosting its chances of top-pling her in the 237-seat legisla-

It said her government had accomplished little and that her ministers had alienated members of their own party. The opposition leaders claimed

that with the help of People's Party defectors and independents, they could muster at least 10 more than the 119 votes

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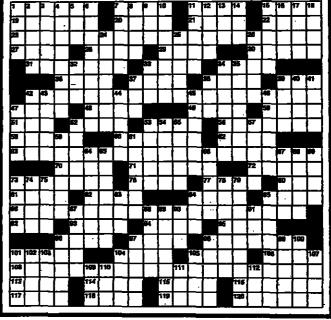
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60 hurt in U.S. prison riot

CAMP HILL (R) — Heavily armed police firing tear gas stormed a state prison and freed four remaining hostages Friday to end a second night of rioting by inmates who torched almost half the prison's buildings to protest against overcrowding. State corrections officials said 60 people - inmates, guards, police and firefighters — were injured during 14 hours of rioting which began Thursday when cell doors unexpectedly sprang open. Pennsylvania State Corrections Commissioner David Owens said that locking devices on many of the cells were damaged in a first night of rioting Wednesday. Two people were in critical condition — a 24-year-old inmate shot in the stomach and a guard who was stabbed. Fourteen of the 31 prison buildings were destroyed or heavily damaged by fires, the officials said. It was the second night of rioting at the Camp Hill medium security prison, 11 kilometres southwest of Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania capital. Forty-three people were injured in rioting Wednesday night.

Colombian leftist leader murdered

MEDELLIN, Colombia (R) — A leading leftist Colombian politician was killed in a hail of bullets Friday when gunmen burst into his office in Medellin, known as the country's murder capital. The killing of Gabriel Jaime Santamaria, regional president of the Patriotic Union (UP) party, was not thought linked to drug-related violence in Medellin over the past two days in which seven policemen have been killed. One of the assassins was shot dead by the politician's bodyguards and two others were arrested, the domestic news agency Colprensa reported. More than 800 members of the UP, the country's most important left-wing party, have died in political violence since it was formed four years ago.

European Ariane rocket launched

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KOUROU, French Guiana (R) — Western Europe's Ariane-4 space rocket, carrying the world's biggest commercial telecommunications satellite, was launched Friday. The rocket lifted off from European Space Agency's launchpad at Kourou in French Guiana, on the northeastern tip of South America, at 8.06 p.m. (2306 GMT), space officials said. The rocket was visible for just three minutes in the night sky before it disappeared from sight with the Intelsat VI satellite aboard.

U.S. puzzled by 'lost' tritium

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Energy Department laboratory in Tennessee said Friday it suspended commerical shipments of tritium, a radioactive gas used mainly in making nuclear warheads, after failing to find missing quantities of the material. Department officials said they were unsure whether investigators had found a reason for the disappearances yet, or whether theft of the material had been ruled out. "For now, we're on hold on making further shipments," said Jim Alexander, a spokesman for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory near Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Spokesmen at department headquarters in Washington said they had no firm information about the situation at Oak Ridge. They said questions about missing tritium and the Oak Ridge operation were being reviewed by Energy Secretary James D. Watkins.

7.2 quake hits Solomon Islands

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major earthquake registering 7.2 on the Richter scale shook the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific on Saturday, the U.S. Geological Survey reported. The preliminary reading of 7.2 slightly stronger than the 6.9 magnitude earthquake that hit the San Francisco bay area Oct. 17. The earthquake struck the islands at 8:05 a.m. Saturday (2105 GMT Friday), a survey official said. It was the largest earthquake in the Solomons since a 7.4-magnitude quake Nov. 5, 1978. There were no immediate reports of injury or damage. Major earthquakes in the Solomons usually don't cause much damage or many casualties because the area is sparsely populated and not extensively developed.

Man freed in Palme killing arrested

STOCKHOLM (AP) - Christer Pettersson, recently freed from prison after an appeals court overturned his conviction in the slaying of Prime Minister Olof Palme, was caught buying drugs and briefly detained, police said Friday. A duty officer in downtown Stockholm said Pettersson, 42, was arrested by two policemen Wednesday night while purchasing a small amount of hashish in a park. "He was taken to the police station for interrogation and was subsequently released," said the officer. The officer added that Pettersson faces charges and would probably be fined for the possession of drugs.